

# QIUGANG WARRIORS

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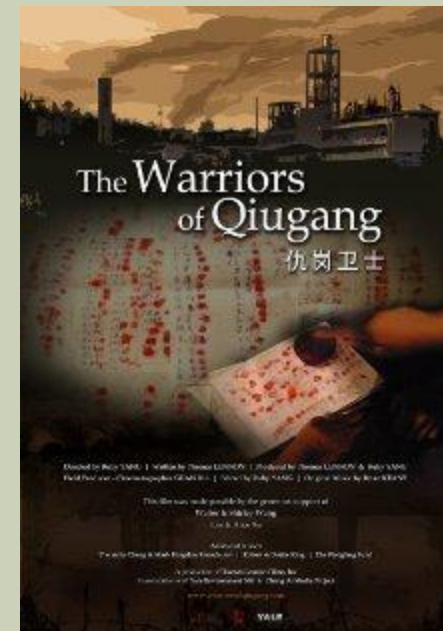
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# WHAT ARE QIUGANG WARRIORS?

- Quigang is a town in China's industrial heartland surrounded by many power plants
- No restrictions on emissions or dumping of pollutants
- Jiucailuo Chemical plant emissions turned the river black, killed wildlife, made people sick



"The Warriors of Quigang" (2012) Directed by Billy Tang. Produced by Toposcreen. Photo: Wikimedia Commons



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# THE WARRIORS FIGHT BACK



- People finally became fed up with the pollution and fought back in 2007 with the help of an NGO group called Green Anhui
- Zhang Gongli led the fight to shut the chemical plant down despite his lack of higher education
- He files many law suits over the years, but to no avail.
- Zhang deals with thugs in his neighborhood, rallies his neighbors, and travels to Beijing where he attends a meeting of China's emerging environmental movement
- Children's essays and commotion following the documentary caused the plant's destruction

- Their struggle attracted Ruby Yang, Guan Xin, and Thomas Lennon who filmed the town's three year struggle against the chemical plant
- Documentary: *The Warriors of Qiugang*.
- Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6GpM07sVD0>
- After the video was posted to *Yale e360* the Chinese government committed \$30 million to the cleanup of the Baojiagou River featured in the video.
- As of now, the chemical plant was moved to an industrial park a few miles away
- Now the villagers must petition to have the waste removed and their village cleaned up by the company.

# THE LEGACY LIVES ON

- **1 January 2013:** The Handan Winter Swimming Association filed lawsuit against water pollution
- **24 December 2012:** Villagers win suit filed against Huaguang Stainless Steel Co. Ltd. iron plant
- **July 2012:** Residents of Shifang protest construction of copper smelting complex

# CHINA TODAY

- Measures for Registration of Hazardous Chemicals for Environmental Management
  - Adopted 4 July 2012, put into effect 1 March 2013
- Rules to boost Coal Ash Recycling
- Measures being taken to combat Air Pollution are top government priority
- Lawmakers Seek Public Voice in Environmental Affairs



# WHAT WE HOPE TO LEARN

- We hope to learn how the public can participate in Environmental Affairs in a big city like Beijing
- We hope to learn how local governments plan to involve public opinion into decision making in China's provinces
- We hope to learn public ideas for solving environmental problems such as air pollution
  - As well as the ideas of the professionals at BJUT and Shandong University