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Niillas A. Somby

In the wolf's hour

This is the personal story of Niillas A. Somby, who took part in the Alta controversy in the late 1970s. When civil disobedience and hunger strike did not help, he started to plan and execute a sabotage action to fight for the Sámi rights.

Unfortunately, the action did not go as planned, and Niillas lost an arm and his left eye. He was first hospitalized, and afterwards brought in prison. After hunger striking in prison, Niillas managed to escape and got political asylum by First Nations peoples in Canada.

When he finally was allowed to come back to Norway, he was bullied and received murder threats. In the end of the book, several newspaper clippings document the hard words of media during Niillas's fight for the Sámi rights. This is an important book to read.

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Niillas Somby is a Sámi political rights activist, author, photographer and filmmaker. He was one of the seven hunger strikers during the Alta controversy.



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