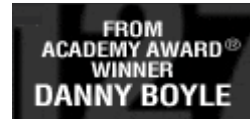


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Zimbabwe: Some Diamonds Banned

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The [Rapaport Diamond Trading Network](#), which says it has listings of more than 700,000 individual stones with asking prices of \$4.9 billion, issued an alert Monday warning traders that it would not allow the sale of diamonds through its site that were mined in the Marange fields of [Zimbabwe](#). Human rights groups have reported that the army committed extreme violence to seize control of the fields, then ran diamond-smuggling syndicates from there. RapNet, as the network is known, said it would expel members that knowingly offered Marange diamonds and publicly name them. Almost 900,000 carats of Marange diamonds were sold to international buyers earlier this month.