

DIAMOND TRADE ARGUMENT

There has recently been a row on where diamonds come from and the film Blood Diamond has actually started the debate. The Hollywood movie shows the illegal way that diamonds are traded. The film's star, Hollywood actor Leonardo Di Caprio has been talking about the problem.



Charities of war torn countries which sell mined diamonds (also known as blood diamonds) need more control of the sale of these diamonds. The diamond industry says that there are not that many blood diamonds around. They also added that when legal diamond mining does happen charities in Africa receive a percentage of the profits of the sale of these diamonds thus helping eradicate poverty.

A charity said that 4 million people have died because of wars in countries dealing in blood diamonds.

There are already rules to stop this but charities say they not rigorous enough.