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### **Stains near Botnia**

Gualeguaychú assembly members announced yesterday that Environmental Monitoring officials of the town, in the province of Entre Ríos, caught sight of reddish stains in the River Uruguay last Sunday, near the Finnish pulp mill of Botnia, located in the Uruguayan town of Fray Bentos. In order to analyze the stains, samples of water were taken near the pulp mill. Botnia has denied the existence of these stains and has insisted that the pulp mill is “operating normally”. Moreover, assembly members together with inhabitants of Gualeguaychú yesterday paid their last respects to Nelly Perla Pivas de Bibel, nicknamed “la Pachamama” (“Mother Earth”), who was a symbol of the struggle against pulp mills and who died at the age of 69.