



Alert of Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad): murder of Afro-Colombian leader Miller Angulo Rivera and threats to Colombian Civil Society.

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The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad) joins the Asociación Nacional de Afrocolombianos Desplazados (National Association of Displaced Afro-Colombians-AFRODES) and denounces the murder of the leader and activist Miller Angulo Rivera, on 1 December in Tumaco, Colombia .

The young man killed was a defender of the rights of Afro-Colombians in forced displacement in Nariño department, serving as Technical Secretary of the Municipal Committee of Victims of Tumaco.

His name appeared on the list of people threatened in a statement of the group "Aguilas Negras" (Black Eagles), on which the Redlad warned last November. The brief, originated from the Central Bloc of Aguilas Negras and included death threats and disappearances directed against more than 25 Colombian activists and 75 civil society organizations, seems to be fulfilled.

Appeared on this list, organizations such as Liga de Mujeres Desplazadas (League of Displaced Women), Mujeres en Pie de Lucha por una Colombia Productiva (Women in struggle for a Productive Colombia, Asociación Nacional de Afrocolombianos Desplazados (AFRODES-National Association of Displaced Afro-Colombians), Asociación de Cabildos Indígenas del Norte del Cauca (Association of Indigenous Councils of Northern Cauca), Asociación de Familiares de la Violencia Política de Riosucio (Association of Relatives of Violence in Riosucio), Fundación Infancia Feliz (Happy Childhood Foundation) and numerous other organizations and platforms.



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It should be recalled that in June 2012, was killed Keila Berrio Almanza, member of the Liga de Mujeres Desplazadas and guarantor 319-09 precautionary protection measures by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, was killed. Groups like the Black Eagles and calling itself Ejército Revolucionario Anticomunista (ERPAC-Revolutionary Anti-Communist Army) continue to issue public threats ending in these unfortunate events.

In response, the Permanent Secretariat Redlad, platform for democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms comprising more than 450 organizations, networks and independent media, official member of the Civil Society Forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) and in his capacity as Regional Chapter of the World Movement for Democracy (WMD):

1. It requests the Colombian government to take real action, necessary and urgent for the cessation of threats, murder and persecution of Colombian civil society human rights defender. We must remember that only in 2010, in areas such as the Department of Córdoba, there were more than 400 murders
2. Urges national authorities to effectively protect the members of the 75 organizations threatened.
3. It warns about the seriousness of these facts as evidence of increased insecurity worrying actual prevailing in Colombia. Reports of illegal acts and violations of human rights are the subject of intimidation, as in this case, the authors are persecuted, threatened, killed or disappeared by the perpetrators of these crimes or by warring groups and insurgents.
4. Requires to the Attorney General to investigate the crime Colombian depth and to request real protection measures for those close to the victims and potential victims threatened.
5. Urges the Commission on Human Rights to take steps for the protection of killed victims , their families and members of the organizations to which they belonged.

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