



26 años ¡Contra viento y marea!

Por los derechos de todos. Mandato I Asamblea, Tumaco 1992
Informar y Consultar Siempre. Mandato II Asamblea, Bogotá 1993
Somos un sector del Movimiento y somos Diáspora Africana. Mandato III Asamblea, Puerto Tejada 1993
Resistir no es Aguantar. Mandato IV Asamblea, Cali, 2007
Sankofa: No es equivocado volver sobre lo aprendido: V Asamblea. Buenaventura. 2017

Colombia received May 1st with bloody police repression

The Black Communities Process in Colombia -PCN strongly rejects and denounces the bloodshed that is being seized by the police and ESMAD in the cities of Bogota, Cali and Medellin, where a large number of Black/Afro-descendant people are concentrated.

The National Strike convened by various sectors of social and political movements in the country was received by the forces of President Ivan Duque with violent repression. The report of human rights organizations condensed by the "Defender la libertad un asunto de todos" campaign indicated that 105 civilians were injured by ESMAD; at least 11 people killed by police, 7 of them in the neighborhoods of the highest black/Afro-descendant population in Cali; 286 people arrested and 8 raids conducted in several cities in the country.

Under the silence of the local authorities and President Ivan Duque himself, the only audible voice has been that of former President Alvaro Uribe Vélez instating to police violence, that has apparently succeeded in motivating the forces that are, apparently to "protect" the citizens, to massacre it them mercilessly. What does the ESMAD ("special anti-disturbance" force), does using real bullets in the neighborhoods of the city of Cali, against people who clearly, according to the videos, were unarmed, some not even participating in the National Strike?

Today, as the struggles of the working class in the world are commemorated, we denounce the policies of death that result in the state of war in which Colombian civil society is placed. Our demonstrations against tax reform, in a country that has just announced that 40% of its population lives in extreme poverty and intends to call "middle class" people with an income from informal economic activities of less than \$250 a month, have been gunned down and brutally assaulted, bloodying a territory whose flag should no longer be yellow, blue and red but totally red-bloodied by repression.

The Colombian state has declared war on us for demanding respect for our rights, for denouncing and confronting the corruption and criminality of the government and its blood-and-death policies.

Let the international community know that a murderous government is currently operating in Colombia.

With our traditional affirmation of life and joy, hope and freedom.

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#NoAlaReformaTributaria

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