
Bloody week in Colombia

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Bogotá, Nov 2 (Prensa Latina) Political violence continues to grip Colombia shadowed this week with further assassinations of indigenous leaders, former guerillas and human rights defenders.

The Alternative Revolutionary Common Force (FARC, in Spanish) party denounced the murder of a former member of the guerrilla movement, Wilson Parra, a peace singer, when he was sharing with friends at a house in the municipality of Curillo, department of Caquetá.

Parra's assassination is number 169 since the signing in 2016 of the Peace Agreement between the Government and former FARC-EP guerrilla and 89 since President Iván Duque came to power, FARC lawmaker Sergio Marín said.

Meanwhile, rural communities in the municipality of Corinto (southwest) denounced that members of the National Army detained, tortured and subsequently killed Flower Jair Trompeta.

One of the most violent events in recent days occurred when five natives were killed and at least six more were injured when they were attacked by paramilitary groups.

Luis Kankui, senior advisor of the National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC), stressed that last year more than 115 native leaders were assassinated. Kankui called for a national mobilization for life on November 8.