

# *Major Protests Continue in Colombia, Despite Crackdown*

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Bogota, May 24 (RHC)-- In Colombia, major protests and strikes continue for a second week in the port city of Buenaventura, as residents demonstrate against widespread violence in the region and a lack of basic services.

The Colombian government has launched an increasingly violent crackdown against protesters, killing at least one demonstrator and injuring dozens more, including children. Despite the crackdown, tens of thousands of people have taken to the streets of Buenaventura over the past several days.

The National Afro-Colombian Peace Council says residents of the region are living through a humanitarian crisis, with assassinations, kidnappings, threats, torture, the targeted killing of community leaders and mass displacement by extraction projects in the territory.

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