

Indepaz reports rising number of social leaders murdered in Colombia



The sign reads: "Duque stops the massacres." | Photo: EFE

Bogotá, June 12 (RHC)-- According to the latest report by the Institute for Development and Peace Studies (Indepaz), more than two thousand people have been killed in Colombia in the last four years due to the mismanagement of security by the government of Iván Duque, the entity said.

According to the latest figures, between August 7, 2018, and June 4, 2022, a total of 930 social leaders were killed, of which 126 were women.

The report says that peasants, indigenous people and mainly social leaders, human rights defenders and even demobilized members of the FARC-EP are among those most affected.

Indepaz reported that among the signatories of the 2016 Peace Accord in Havana, the number of people killed amounted to 245. Meanwhile, a total of 261 massacres were documented during this period with a balance of 1 144 victims.

The government of Iván Duque subjected us to a cycle of violence due to its lack of commitment to the implementation of peace and its ineffective security strategy. According to Indepaz, 930 leaders and 245 ex-combatants have been assassinated in his government.

The organization ranked Cauca, Antioquia, Nariño, Valle del Cauca and Putumayo among the five departments most affected by such violence. According to researchers, these figures are close to the worst period of violence recorded in recent decades, specifically between 2002 and 2006, when the government of Alvaro Uribe was in power.

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