

Indigenous leader and peace signatory murdered in Colombia

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Bogota, February 11 (RHC)-- The Institute for Development and Peace Studies denounced the murders of Carlos Fernando Ramos, a Peace Treaty signatory and social leader, and human rights defender Luis Chamapuro Quiro in the departments of Amazonas and Chocó, respectively.

Luis Chapuro was a recognized Indigenous leader of the Wounaan people, an Indigenous community of the Union of the municipality of Medio San Juan in the department of Chocó. He was kidnapped on

February 3rd at about 18:30 (local time), when paramilitaries asked him for money to travel through the area. According to Indepaz, the community says that the paramilitaries do not allow transit through the San Juan river after 18:00 hours.

On February 9, Chapuro's body was found, with whom 21 leaders and human rights defenders have been murdered in 2022, which makes 1,307 since the signing of the Peace Accord.

Carlos Fernando Ramos was a signatory of the Agreement and was assigned to the Territorial Group of the Agency for Reincorporation and Normalization (ARN) Bogotá, in advance of his reincorporation in Leticia, Amazonas. He was also a member of the Territorial Training and Reincorporation Spaces (ETCR) Oscar Mondragón.

With him, four peace signatories have been killed in 2022 out of a total of 303 since the signing of the Agreement. Ramos was killed by hired killers, who shot him while he was traveling on his motorcycle on public roads.

According to Indepaz, the Ombudsman's Office issued Early Alert 020/21 for the municipalities of Itsmina and Medio San Juan, where a high probability of individual and massive forced displacements, confinements, homicides, among other harmful acts against inhabitants of the area, especially Afro and indigenous communities, has been reported.

Likewise, it issued Early Alert 002/21 for El Encanto, La Chorrera, Leticia, Puerto Alegría, Puerto Arica, Puerto Nariño, Tarapacá in Amazonas, where it warns of control devices imposed by illegal armed actors in terms of accusations against ethnic leaders and authorities who transgress what they call the "Code of Conduct."

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