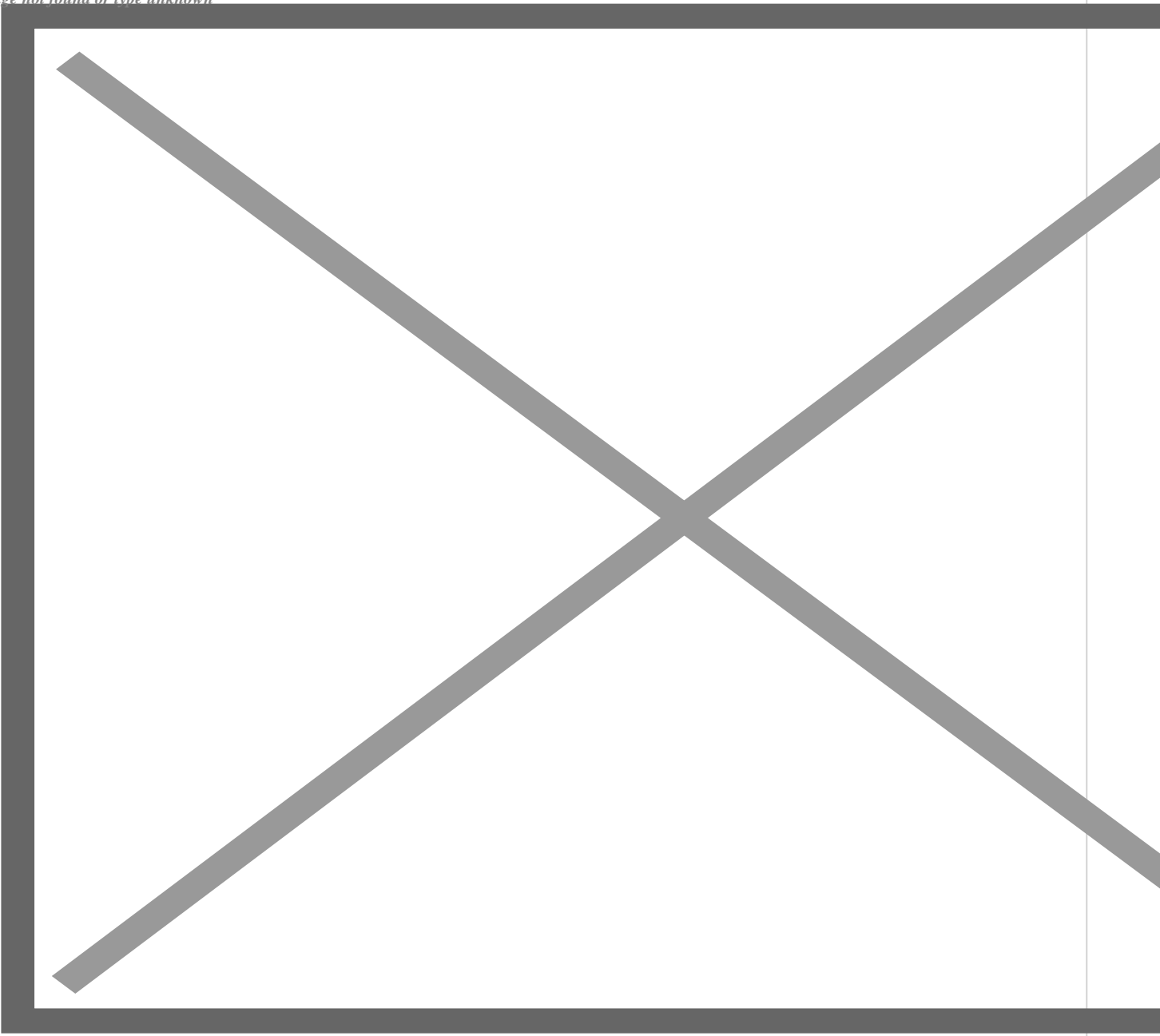


Yet another Colombian social leader is murdered in Antioquia

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The municipal administration of San Luis said that the crime took place around 12:40 p.m. on Sunday. | Photo: Twitter @siulcienmil

Bogota, May 3 (RHC)-- Community leader Juan David García Naranjo, from the municipality of San Luis, Antioquia, in northern Colombia, and who had dedicated his life to social service, was murdered on Sunday afternoon, in an urban area of that municipality.

Colonel Ever Giovani Gómez, commander in charge of the Antioquia Police, confirmed the murder and added that a specialized prosecutor has been appointed to find those responsible. Authorities in Antioquia are investigating the murder of García Naranjo, a businessman and student of Social Communication, who had been part of the National Strike marches in the eastern part of the department, which have been taking place in the South American country for six days.

The Institute of Studies for Development and Peace (Indepaz) stated that García Naranjo was a leader of the marches against the tax reform. He was also part of Colombia Humana and together with his father Jaider Garcia, led the 2018 presidential campaign.

Gómez detailed that this homicide occurred in the sector of El Mirador, where two armed subjects and without mediating a word arrived and killed this man. "On the part of the Police a special team of Judicial Police and Criminal Investigation was appointed, which is conducting the corresponding investigations to find those responsible for this unfortunate event," said Colonel Gomez.

On the part of the municipal administration of San Luis it was detailed that the crime was registered around 12:40 p.m. this Sunday and that García Naranjo was participating in a community activity that had the purpose of collecting funds to help some friends, who are hospitalized due to the COVID-19.

After the crime, the community and social movements said that Garcia Naranjo had led marches at a local level against the tax reform proposed by the National Government and had been part of the Colombia Humana movement, but the municipal administration stated that, according to the Police, this fact would not have anything to do with such social activity.

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