46 bodies recovered presumed missing during Colombia's armed conflict

Several of the 46 bodies recovered in the Montañita cemetery showed signs of violence. | Photo: ubpd

Bogota, October 31 (RHC)-- Colombia's Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP) reported on Saturday the discovery of 46 bodies of possible missing persons in the social and armed conflict, after 11 days of

exhumations in a cemetery in the municipality of Montañita, department of Caquetá.

In a statement issued by the JEP, the JEP said that "46 bodies were recovered in the Unión Peneya cemetery, in Montañita, Caquetá, which could correspond to people who disappeared during the armed conflict, seven of them presumably minors who may have been illegally recruited".

The JEP adds that the mortal remains were delivered to the National Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences for their full identification, as part of a macro investigation being developed on crimes against humanity in Colombia, and which contemplates that of the recruitment and use of girls and boys in the armed conflict.

Data provided by the Colombian Single Registry of Victims reveals that there are around 9,113,500 victims of the armed conflict in Colombia, which represents almost 18 percent of the population, including five million displaced persons, almost 12,000 victims of landmines, and at least 80,000 forcibly disappeared persons.

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