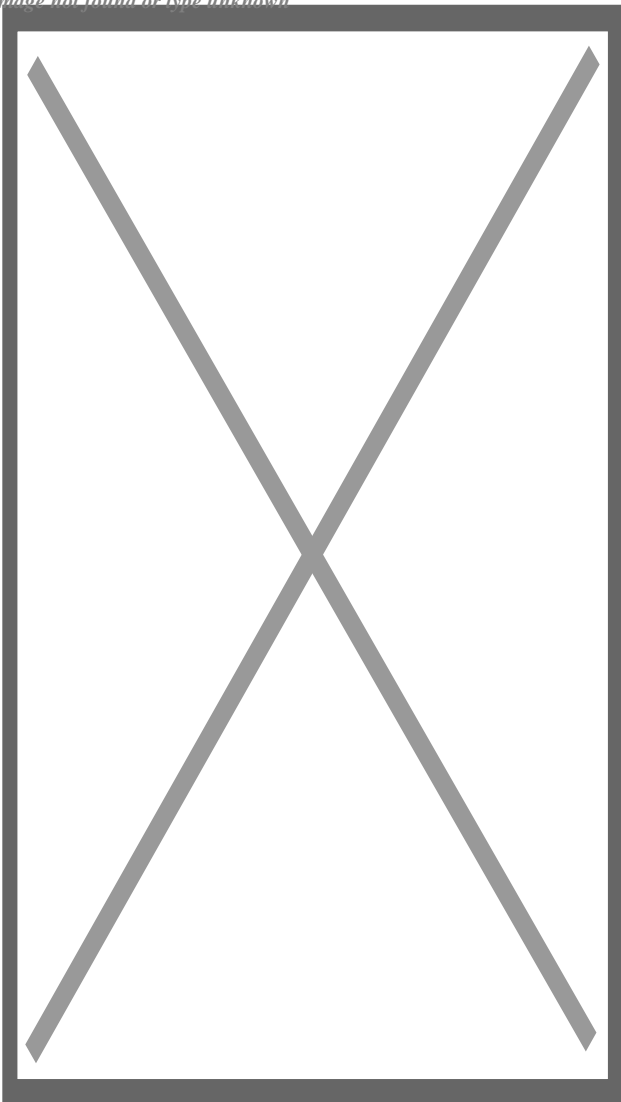


Colombian president hosts major event against Israel's genocide in Gaza

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Bogota, January 3 (RHC)-- Colombian President Gustavo Petro has called on his country's artists to come together at a major event against Israel's genocidal war against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

In a message on X, Petro issued the call to all artists to join him in a concert in the capital Bogota. "I would like everyone who wants to use art to criticize the genocide against the Palestinian people to join me in the Plaza de Bolívar or the Simón Bolívar park in Bogotá in a great concert against genocide and for life."

"Let a cry of humanity against infamy come out of Bogota. And from there, we go to Medellin, Cali and Barranquilla and the regions of Colombia, go out in caravans to find us in the middle of art and music to come together to shout 'Enough, stop the killing!'" he said.

The president has previously called for an end to Israel's relentless attacks on Gaza. Petro said in November that his country will contribute to a complaint filed by the Republic of Algeria with the International Criminal Court (ICC) against Israel for war crimes.

Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune had earlier called on the Hague-based court to intervene and stop Israel's genocidal war on the Palestinian territory.

The regime's military forces have so far killed more than 22,000 people, including over 9,000 children, since October 7. More than 90 percent of Gaza's 2.3 million people have also been displaced, and many are now fleeing for the third or fourth time inside the coastal enclave, according to United Nations figures.

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