

Colombia's Los Rastrojos try to kill member for photos with Guaidó



Bogotá, September 16 (RHC)-- The Colombian rights group, Fundación Progresar, came out Monday saying that paramilitaries from the Colombian narco-paramilitary group, 'Los Rastrojos' attempted to murder one of their own members, Hernando Ivan Posso, or 'Nandito', after photos of Nandito appeared last week posing with self-declared interim president of Venezuela, Juan Guaidó.

Members of Los Rastrojos allegedly tried to kill their own member, Nandito, given that he is a witness to the controversial connection to Guaidó's illegal passage into Colombia last February when he was already wanted by the Venezuelan government for a failed coup attempt the month prior.

Wilfredo Cañizares, leader of Fundación Progresar, located in Cucuta, Colombia that has been monitoring the narco gang for years, tweeted September 16th that Los Rastrojos tried to kill Nandito, but failed. However, they managed to assassinate four members of Nandito's family late Friday night.

"This is Hernando Iván Posso aka "Nandito." Last night, the Rastrojos narco-paramilitaries tried to kill him, he managed to flee. In retaliation, 4 members of his family were killed, including his parents."

Posso is an alleged murderer and kidnapper and a higher ranking member of the criminal group that is known to operate in Colombia at the border with Venezuela.

Cañizares insinuates in his tweet that the murder attempt on Posso was meant to eliminate witnesses to the group allegedly ushering Guaido into Colombia. The Progresar leader also tells local media that on the late February day that Guaido entered into Colombia to take part in a the Venezuela Aid Live concert in Cucuta, that Los Rastrojos forced residents in Colombia at the border to lock themselves in their homes until Guaido was picked up by Cucuta officials. "We believe that the curfew was imposed by Los Rastrojos precisely to prevent the population from taking photos or filming the passage of Mr. Guaido," Cañizares told RFI.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, during a recent address to the nation, called the images of Guaido next to members of Los Rastrojos a "tremendous scandal." While Colombian President Ivan Duque said to reporters: "We facilitated (Guaido's) entry into Colombian territory... he was welcome in Colombian territory and protected in Colombian territory," his foreign minister said the same day that "the government did not participate in the transfer of President Guaido from Caracas to the border with Colombia, nor did he have any role in its passage through the sites known as trails," according to El Tiempo.

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