

Extermination of Indigenous peoples denounced in Colombia

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Representatives of the Awá people denounced the government of Iván Duque for its inaction and described it as complicit in the extermination. | Photo: Twitter/@NoticiasCaracol

Bogota, July 16 (RHC)-- The Awá Indigenous community has denounced that extermination actions are being committed against its population due to the increase of assassinations by armed groups.

Representatives of the native people denounced the increased aggression against leaders, authorities, and community members by armed gangs linked to drug trafficking in a press conference.

They have also accused the governmental authorities of inaction in the face of these violent events. The representatives of the indigenous peoples considered that the Colombian State had left them alone and described it as an accomplice of systematic extermination.

They said that the indigenous communities had not noticed the results of the Peace Agreement signed in 2016, assuring that they have already gone to the different institutional levels to demand their right to life.

In this regard, around 350 victimizing events have been counted against the Awá people, of which 95 correspond to murders of important indigenous rights activists.

In turn, the Indigenous Unit of the Awá people (Unipa) said that "the violations of fundamental rights deepened during and after the pandemic; facts that remain in total impunity due to the lack of progress in investigations by the competent entities."

The last recorded massacre occurred on July 3, when the alternate governor of the Inda Sabaleta Resguardo, Juan Orlando Moriano, was killed along with two young members of the Awá indigenous guard.

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