

Colombia reports murder of a signer of peace accords and a social leader

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Bogota, March 16 (RHC)-- Colombia's Institute for Peace Development Studies (INDEPAZ) denounced Wednesday the discovery of the lifeless body of a peace signatory, as well as the murder of a community defender.

The body of Wilson Llanos Sarria, was found on Tuesday in Belén de los Andaquies, Caquetá. Sarria had been missing since March 6th. According to INDEPAZ, the signatory was in the process of reincorporation when he was kidnapped from his relatives' house by armed men, who later executed him.

With this death, there are three signers killed so far this year, while since the signing of the Peace Accord in 2016 there have been 351 murders. Néstor Yesid Martínez Pinto, 49, was killed in Riohacha, La Guajira, in the middle of the road while riding a motorcycle. This is the 26th murder of a social leader in 2023 while 1,435 have been killed since the signing of the Peace Accord.

Pinto was the current community defender assigned to the Ombudsman's Office, recognized for his work in the protection of the human rights of Afro and indigenous communities in La Guajira.

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