U'wa Indigenous people in Colombia win major victory at Inter-American Court of Human Rights

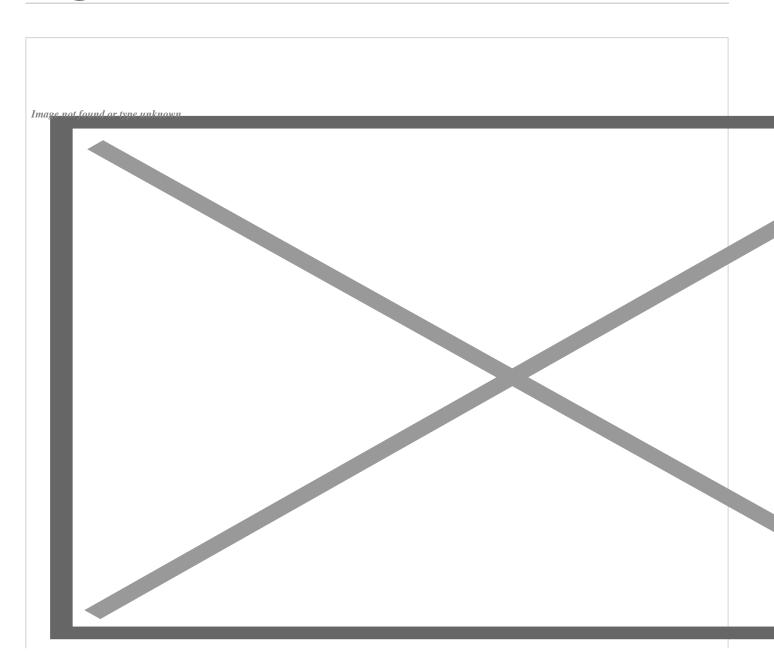


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Bogota, December 24 (RHC)-- In a major decision, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights has ruled the nation of Colombia violated the rights of the U'wa Indigenous people by authorizing oil, gas and mining projects on their land.

The group EarthRights International said the historic decision could set a precedent for the protection of Indigenous peoples in Colombia and across Latin America.

The court determined Colombia had an obligation to consult Indigenous peoples about extractive projects that may affect them.

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