

Unified call for solidarity with peoples affected by the systematic violence of the neoliberal model in Latin America and the Caribbean

Last week's terrible and violent events in Latin America and the Caribbean - the assassination of Sergio Rojas in Costa Rica, the tragic death of 8 indigenous people in Colombia and the murder of Dilma Ferreira Silva in Brazil, among others - fill us with grief and above all with deep concern and outrage for the injustice and impunity against social activists and defenders of territories peoples' rights.

These events also warn us, once again, of the systematic extermination policy that has been implemented in the Continent for some years now, and that is currently aggravated with the rise of neoliberalism's programmatic fundamentalism in most of the countries that years ago, under progressive administrations, were able to advance in ensuring and fulfilling peoples' rights. For these past advances, for their efforts to dignify life on the basis of political participation, today they are being punished with murder, persecution, stigmatization and all kinds of criminalization against the women and men who continue defending common goods and fundamental rights that were hard won through social mobilization and participation in public policy-making, from which they are being deprived today by the new conservative wave.

The escalation of murders in the region is, in our opinion, another result of the cowardly architecture of impunity, driven by imperialistic forces and transnational corporations that obtain their profits from the process of economic and environmental corporatization and financialization, and who are willing to exterminate human beings and environmental wealth in order to safeguard their profiteering rates in the context of the prevailing model of accumulation and looting.

As organizations that mobilize to build peoples power, democracy and justice in its multiple dimensions -social, environmental, economic, gender, etc.- we want, through this message, to join our voices in solidarity to forge links of unity in diversity. We are aware of the urgent need to work together in pursuit of concrete and effective solutions to protect the lives of our comrades and that they/we are not murdered daily without effective precautionary measures by States, governments and multilateral organizations that boast about their work in defense of human rights. In almost all cases of violence and persecution, the actual perpetrators and masterminds of the murders of our comrades and loved ones are yet to be identified and punished. We understand that this architecture and strategy of impunity is the embodiment of injustice that operates today as the top condition for the repetition of these death strategies on a daily basis.

For these reasons, with our underlying concern though with our fighting spirits intact and strengthened in the pursuit of justice for our comrades, we call on organizations, processes and movements throughout our Americas to add their voices and actions to this proclamation, to summon ourselves collectively as movements to denounce and exercise effective solidarity on the basis of the construction of an internationalist front against fascism, as the real chance to stop the social and political massacre we are witnessing in the region.

With this communiqué we want to let the agents of death and destruction know that we are not alone, and that we will not stop until we know who gave the order to kill our comrades and prevent that the legitimate defense of peoples' rights and territories costs more lives.

To the families and communities of those murdered in the past few days, and to all people who have not obtained justice, we jointly express our solidarity. We will continue working day by day to stop impunity, and to honor the efforts of all those who gave their lives to defend ours.

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