# **NEWSLETTER #32: HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NATIONAL STRIKE 2021**

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## **HUMAN RIGHTS**



#### **RIGHT TO PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY**

- 6,897 rallies
- 2,408 marches
- 669 mobilizations
- 34 assemblies
- in 864 municipalities,
- in 32 departments



#### **RIGHT TO LIFE**

#### 48 reports of people deceased

- 20 cases related to manifestations
- 19 have no nexus to manifestations
- 9 in the process of verification
- As of May 25: 4 clarified cases (3 attributable to Public Force and 1 to individuals)
- 2 Uniformed Persons Deceased
- \* Death of two (2) newborns in ambulance due to road blockages and risk to the mother.

Source: Office of the Attornev General of the Nation. May 31, 2021. Received: May 31, 2021 - 8:50am



#### **RIGHT TO HUMANE TREATMENT**

- 1,113 Civilians injured.
- 1,362 Uniformed Persons injured.
- 5 Uniformed Persons remain in the hospital.
- 11 Cases of Gender Violence (1 Police Officer)

-Source: Ministry of Defense. Balance Sheet - National Strike 2021 (April 28 to June 13, 2021 – Latest Update at 23.59) - Received: June 14, 2021 – 11:15 am



#### **RIGHT TO FREEDOM**

- → 572 initial records of people not located.
- 84 active search mechanisms (to be located).
- 4 formal complaints for alleged disappearance

Source: Office of the Attorney General of the Nation. Press Conference Jun 10, 2021.

- 7,020 transferred for protection
  - 11 Uniformed Persons Kidnapped and Retained (Valle del Cauca) (Article 168 Penal Code)

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### **RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL**

204 Investigations for alleged disciplinary misconduct in the National Police of Colombia

- 98 for abuse of authority
  - 39 for physical aggression
- 14 for homicide
- 23 for personal injury
- 02 for sexual harassment
- 28 for other conducts
- 34 investigations in Military Criminal Justice.
- 278 cases (personal injury and alleged abuse of authority) under investigation prioritized by the Prosecutor's Office.

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172 disciplinary investigations in Procurator General's Office

Source: Office of the Procurator General's Office. Balance National Strike 2021. June 7, 2021 - Received: 09-June-2021, 10:15 pm





#### **RIGHT TO HEALTH**

(Source: National Institute of Health. Report 13-06-2021 4:50 p.m.)

#### Covid-19 situation

- 168,222 Active Cases
  - 3,753,224 Confirmed Cases
- 95,778 Deaths Reported distributed as follows:

Intensive Care Unit (SISPRO Weekly Update):

- 6.931 occupied
- 1.837 available



#### **RIGHT TO FOOD**

For preschool, elementary and middle school children: The blockades have impacted more than 3.5 million children in the school feeding program

Source: Minister of Education Maria Victoria Angulo - Plenary Session of the House of Representatives - National Contingency May 12, 2021.

719 POLICE PROPERTY

571 Institutional Vehicles

### AFFECTIONS TO THE RIGHT TO PROPERTY (A property that has been destroyed or incinerated is considered to be affected).

#### 1,664 PRIVATE GOODS



- 460 Bank branches affected
- 439 ATMs
- 454 Commercial establishments
- 106 Ambulances and emergency vehicles
- 91 Service stations
- 89 Private vehicles
  - 21 Private motorcycles
- 02 Religious institutions
  - 01 Hotel
- 01 Radio Station

#### 2,166 PUBLIC GOODS



- 1,260 Public transportation vehicles
- 240 Public transportation stations
- 154 Security cameras
- 160 Government infrastructure
- 117 Traffic lights
- 121 traffic signs
- 55 Photo ticket cameras
- 28 Toll booths affected
- 26 Cultural goods
- 04 Weighing scales 01 Critical infrastructure (Bridge)
- **117** CAI
  - 14 Stations
  - 04 Sub Stations
  - 03 Police Districts
  - 02 PONAL offices
  - 02 Specialty Buildings
  - 01 Police Command **01** Control Posts

  - 01 School of Criminal Investigation 01 School for children of policemen
  - 01 Health Dispensary
  - 01 fiscal house (Police)



# HUMAN RIGHTS AFFECTED BY BLOCKADES (3,425 blockades) AND THOSE WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SOCIAL PROTESTS

RIGHT TO LIFE

**RIGHT TO FOOD** 

**RIGHT TO HEALTH** 

RIGHT TO MOBILITY

Death of patients for not allowing ambulances to pass.

The blockades have generated confrontations that have resulted in attempts on the lives of several people.

Negative effects on food production, distribution and

sales.

Shortages in supermarkets.

Price increases.

Need to dispose of food due to transportation and

supply problems.

Shortage of medical supplies.

Ambulances have not been allowed to pass.

Difficult mobilization to health care centers puts the lives of patients at risk (especially cancer and renal failure patients).

Vehicles are not allowed to pass freely within the city; illegal tolls are being imposed.

 Vehicles are not allowed to pass freely between municipalities and departments.

 Public transportation vehicles are vandalized and exclusive roads for their mobility are blocked.

Transportation supplies are not allowed to enter.

People are having difficulties returning to their homes.

 The blockades generate that several economic sectors are extremely affected to continue developing.

In addition to the social and economic crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, there are serious effects of the national strike.

Acts of vandalism, damage to the public transportation system, violent confrontations and road blockades have deeply affected our society and the productive sector. The economic cost of a day of demonstrations is \$ 484.000 millions.

About \$ 6.2 billion since the start of the protests.

Sectors most affected:

Trade \$ 123 billion
Transportation: \$ 53 billion
Accommodation: \$ 41 billion.
Agro: \$ 26 billion
Manufacturing: \$ 41 billion

Construction (Housing and public works): \$ 26 billion

The devaluation and the increase in the rates at which they lend to the country would increase the public debt by \$ 1.28 trillion this year.

-8.2 million transfers to the poorest households.

- 3.5 million payroll subsidies.

Since the strike began, the exchange rate has increased by \$ 135.5 pesos on average, and the rates of the 5 and 9-year TES increased 78 and 48 basis points respectively.

Sectors at risk:

Hass avocado: \$ 15 billion Panela: \$ 1.3 billion Rice: 350 thousand hectares Banana: US \$ 2,692 Coffee: \$ 65 million Fish: \$ 32 billion and US \$ 90 million in exports.

Source: Minhacienda

The Aqueduct, Water and Sewerage company of the city of Bogotá informed the public that there are problems in the transportation of supplies to make water drinkable.

The production of 1.5 million barrels of crude oil and 2,700 million cubic feet of gas has been prevented.

Source:MinMinas y Energía

RIGHT TO ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL

**DEVELOPMENT** 

RIGHT TO WORK

People are finding it difficult to reach their workplaces.

Due to the high economic losses in several sectors, layoffs and company closures have had to be made.

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RIGHTS TO HOUSING, WATER AND SANITATION (Relationship with Public Services) Last Information Received: June 5, 2021

- Alerts remain of shortages of chemical supplies for the treatment and purification of water, added to concern about materials for repair and maintenance works due to the effects that suppliers are suffering.
- Suspension and / or delays in maintenance, reconnection and travel of crews, due to difficulty in movement and lack of fuel, added to fear on the part of the operators.
- Difficulties persist for the mobilization of waste and deposit in sanitary landfills.
- Solid waste continues in homes and public spaces without collecting due to the impact on free movement (Health Risk - Sanitary and Environmental Emergency)
- Affecting the mobility of trucks that provide transportation of natural gas, with which services are provided to municipalities, as well as vehicles that provide inputs and waste collectors.
- The effects on the LPG gas supply persist (cylinders and networks)
- Public Service Companies have had to activate contingency plans.



#### **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RIGHTS AND DUTIES**

"The rights of each person are limited by the rights of others, by the security of all and by the just demands of the general wellfare, in a democratic society." Art. 32 of the American Convention on Human Rights.

181,988 corrective measures for violations of the National Code of Coexistence and Citizen Security, Law 1801 of 2016. Among them, the following stand out:



For noncompliance, disrespect and lack of knowledge of police orders. **54,016**Por bearing arms, Sharp, pointed or similar elements.

7,670
For fighting, inciting or incurring in violent confrontations that may lead to aggression.

8,247
For evading the payment of a fare, validationor ticket for public transportation services.

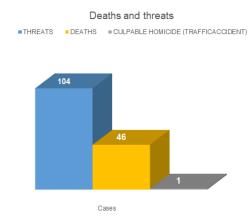
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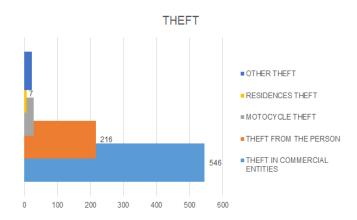


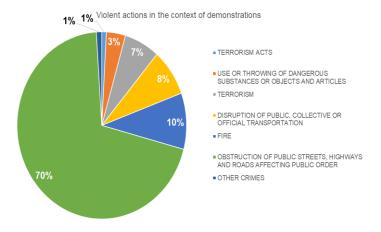
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# CRIMES AND NUMBER OF CASES RELATED TO SOCIAL CONTINGENCY PERIOD FROM APRIL 28 TO JUNE 7, 2021

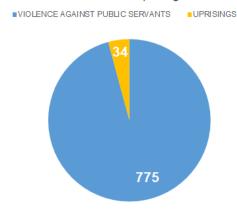
Source: Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Interpol. Crime Information Group. Received: June 10, 2021 - 12:00 pm







#### Violence and Uprisings



Damage to Property of others			
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OF OTHERS		488	
E TO PROPERTY OF OTHERS (AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES)			839

INJURIES AGAINST PEOPLE	CASES
ANATOMICAL OR FUNCIONAL LOSS OF A LIMB OR ORGAN	1
FUNCTIONAL DISTURBANCE	1
INJURIES TO THE FETUS	1
INJURIES WITH CHEMICAL AGENTS, ACIDS OR SIMILAR SUBSTANCES	1
PERSONAL INJURIES (AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES)	2
CULPABLE INJURIES (IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS)	3
ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE (ATTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES)	3
VIOLENT SEXUAL ACT	6
PERSONAL INJURIES	488



#### Consejería Presidencial para los derechos humanos y asuntos internacionales

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE NATION (Source: Office of the Attorney General of the Nation. Main Results Judicial PMU. May 17,

2021 - Received: 17-May-2021, 7pm)

The Attorney General's Office has carried out a total of\*:

160

**Allegations** 



49 Arrest warrants

643

Crime News Releases





- Prioritization 278 cases of people listed as victims of abuse of authority and personal injury.
- Appointment of more than 35 teams throughout the national territory, with judicial police from the CTI, SIJIN and Forensic Medicine to carry out investigations in context, strengthening those situations with the greatest impact on the civilian population.

#### Main results:

- Judicialization against leaders of the ELN and Dagoberto Ramos associated with terrorism, due to the events that occurred in the city of Cali.
- Due to damage to the toll infrastructure, there are 9 people captured who already have an insurance measure.
- Clarification of 4 homicides that have occurred in the framework of the demonstrations.

The Attorney General's Office in the context of the protest has created: **7 lines of investigative work** and has delegated a team of more than 3,000 people throughout the territory, including prosecutors, judicial police, analysts).

#### **FUNCTIONS OF THE WORK TEAMS**

- . Clarify homicides that occur during the demonstrations.
- 2. To advance investigations for situations of violence that generate looting, vandalism, destruction of public and private property.
- 3. Collect information on cases of personal injury and/or abuse of public forces.
- 4. Collect information on investigations of injuries or violence against public servants.
- Urban terrorism
- 6. Activation of the Urgent Search Mechanism, Law 971 of 2005, within the framework of an inter-institutional roundtable created together with the Ombudsman's Office.
- 7. Delegate who investigates criminal finances and pursues the sums of money of those who support and finance urban terrorism. With regard to the extinction of ownership).

  \*Source: Attorney General's Office. Balance Sheet National Strike 2021 (April 28 to May 9, 2021 Latest Update May 9, 2021 at 23.59) Received: May 10, 2021.
- 172 disciplinary actions for facts related to social demonstration activities, as follows: 11 disciplinary investigations and 161 preliminary inquiries.
  - 143 files against members of the Public Forces:
  - 4 disciplinary investigations and 139 preliminary inquiries.
  - 121 in provincial and regional and 22 by preferential power.
  - 20 actions against popularly elected public officials: 3 Congressmen, 1 Governor, 9 Mayors and 6 Councilors.
- 8 files against other public officials: 7 preliminary inquiries and 1 disciplinary investigation.
- 609 processing complaints.
- Accompaniment Work: 7,591 (5,213 Monitoring, 524 unified command assistance, 444 tables for dialogue and spaces for consultation with civil society, 196 participation in security councils, 1,214 accompaniment to marches, rallies and / or mobilizations).

# Procurator General's Office

Source: Office of the Procurator General's Office. Balance National 2021. June 7, 2021 -Received: 8-June-2021, 10:15am

#### OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

Sources: Ombudsman's Office. Stock Balance 28-Apr to 15-May, 6 am - Received: 15-May-2021, 8pm Balance to IACHR. Published 25-May-2021

- 441 officials accompany the demonstrations (Average)
- 303 public defenders available 24/7 to provide judicial representation
- 372 mediations
- 273 supports for the opening of supply routes
- · Verification of 106 cases of gender violence
- 1 person from the Police received in Cauca to protection of

# SUPPLYING

#### (ROADS ENABLING)



Windows of Opportunity: It is called the information provided by the Directorate of Traffic and Transport (DITRA) of the Police during the day, where the roads enabled for mobility are indicated.

**666** Enabled Roads (Windows of Opportunity) **19,864** approved vehicles

700,905 Tons of Cargo Enabled

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# DIALOGUE

6 fundamental topics of dialogue: 1) Accelerate the mass vaccination process, 2) Safe reactivation and social development, 3) The peaceful expression of civil society proposals, 4) Protection of the most vulnerable, 5) Stabilization of the public finances, and 6) Equity programs such as zero enrollment in universities or solidarity income.

From May 5 to 17, 18 Encounters to Listen to Us and Advance on the Fundamental had been carried out as follows:

- 3 National Strike Committee
- 2 Victims
- 1 State Institutions
- 1 High Courts
- National Confederation of Communal Action
- 1 Former Mayors Former Finance Ministers
- 1 Media
- 1 Coalition of Hope
- 1 Asocapitales
- 1 Youth
- 1 Governors
- 1 Religious Community
- 1 Opinion Leaders and Entrepreneurs1 PDET Mayors

Accompaniment: United Nations Verification Mission, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Episcopal Conference of Colombia, the Ombudsman's Office and the Procurator General's Office.

#### Regional Dialogues:

- 17 regional dialogues started.
  - 71 regional conferences.
- More than 1000 participants
- Presence in 21 Departments.

Colombia Pact with youth (As of June 02)

- 4,761 young people participated.
- ★ 179 days of active listening.
- ★ Presence in 24 Departments and Bogotá D.C.

As of June 4, fifteen (15) exploratory tables between the National Strike Committee and the negotiating team of the National Government. progress has been made in the discussion on the requirements for guarantees for peaceful assembly and for negotiating tables.

#### **National Police of Colombia**



1,356 captures in flagrancy
74 arrests by court order
54,016 sharp-edged weapons seized
2,074 firearms seized
880 pneumatic weapons seized
516 criminal reports opened

304 explosive elements

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# **Military Assistance**

Art. 170 L. 1801/2016 "It is the legal instrument that can be applied when events of serious alteration of security and coexistence require it, or in the face of imminent risk or danger, or to face emergency or public calamity, through which the The President of the Republic may dispose, temporarily and exceptionally, of the assistance of the military force. However, the municipal or district governors and mayors may request such assistance from the President of the Republic, who will evaluate the request and make the decision. Military assistance will be governed by the protocols and specialized standards on the matter and in coordination with the Police Commander of the jurisdiction."