

# NEWSLETTER #34: HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NATIONAL STRIKE 2021

April 28 to June 15 – Last Update: 23:59

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\* (Figures subject to variation due to permanent updating of information)



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## HUMAN RIGHTS

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### RIGHT TO PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY

- 6,977 rallies
- 2,412 marches
- 670 mobilizations
- 35 assemblies
- in 864 municipalities,
- in 32 departments

-Source: Ministry of Defense. Balance Sheet - National Strike 2021 (April 28 to June 15, 2021 - Latest Update at 23:59) - Received: June 16, 2021 -11:24 am

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### RIGHT TO LIFE

#### 54 reports of people deceased

- 24 cases related to manifestations
- 19 have no nexus to manifestations
- 11 in the process of verification

- 2 Uniformed Persons Deceased

\* Death of two (2) newborns in ambulance due to road blockages and risk to the mother.

Source: Office of the Attorney General of the Nation. June 15, 2021. Received: June 15, 2021 - 11:46am

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### RIGHT TO HUMANE TREATMENT

- 1,113 Civilians injured.
- 1,364 Uniformed Persons injured.
- 5 Uniformed Persons remain in the hospital.

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- 113 facts identified by the Ombudsman's Office for gender-based violence (against women and people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities)

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### RIGHT TO FREEDOM

- As of June 10, 2021: Only 84 people of the 572 initial registrations remain to be located.
- Regarding these 84 people, the urgent search mechanism remains active.
- 4 formal complaints for alleged disappearance.

Source: Office of the Attorney General of the Nation. Press Release 255. June 10, 2021. Posted: 4:44 pm

- 7,070 transferred for protection

- 12 Uniformed Persons Kidnapped and Retained (Valle del Cauca) (Article 168 Penal Code)

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### RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL

#### 209 Investigations for alleged disciplinary misconduct in the National Police of Colombia

- 102 for abuse of authority
- 39 for physical aggression
- 14 for homicide
- 24 for personal injury
- 02 for sexual harassment
- 28 for other conducts

- 34 investigations in Military Criminal Justice.

- 498 cases of wounded civilians in demonstrations prioritized.
- 429 criminal news opened for alleged abuse of authority and personal injury.

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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

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### RIGHT TO HEALTH

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

- Covid-19 situation
- 158,928 Active Cases
- 24,976 New Confirmed Cases
- 588 New Deaths Reported distributed as follows:
  - 535 Jun, 48 May, 5 Apr
- Intensive Care Unit (SISPRO Weekly Update):
- 7,248 occupied
- 1,707 available

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### 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.

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

### 1,667 PRIVATE GOODS



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

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### 2,178 PUBLIC GOODS



- 1,268 Public transportation vehicles
- 240 Public transportation stations
- 154 Security cameras
- 160 Government infrastructure
- 121 Traffic lights
- 121 traffic signs
- 55 Photo ticket cameras
- 28 Toll booths affected
- 26 Cultural goods
- 04 Weighing scales
- 01 Critical infrastructure (Bridge)

### 723 POLICE PROPERTY



- 574 Institutional Vehicles
- 118 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 (3,450 blockades) AND THOSE WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SOCIAL PROTESTS

### 1 RIGHT TO LIFE

- ❖ 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.

### 2 RIGHT TO FOOD

- ❖ Negative effects on food production, distribution and sales.
- ❖ Shortages in supermarkets.
- ❖ Price increases.
- ❖ Need to dispose of food due to transportation and supply problems.

### 3 RIGHT TO HEALTH

- ❖ 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).

### 4 RIGHT TO MOBILITY

- ❖ 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.

### 5 RIGHT TO ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ 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.

### 6 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.

### 7 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.

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



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 welfare, in a democratic society." Art. 32 of the American Convention on Human Rights.

**187,977** corrective measures for violations of the National Code of Coexistence and Citizen Security, Law 1801 of 2016. Among them, the following stand out:



**67,819**

For non-compliance, disrespect and lack of knowledge of police orders.

**56,456**

For bearing arms, Sharp, pointed or similar elements.

**8,109**

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

**8,495**

For evading the payment of a fare, validation or ticket for public transportation services.

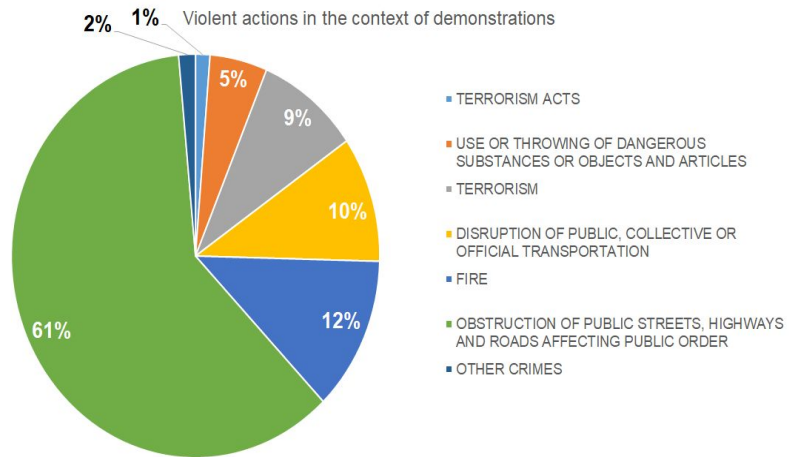
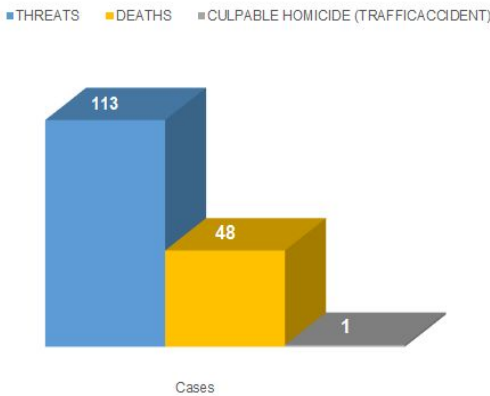
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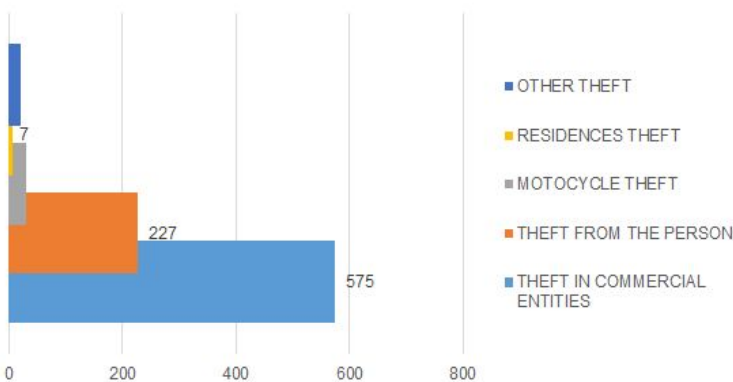
CRIMES AND NUMBER OF CASES RELATED TO SOCIAL CONTINGENCY PERIOD FROM APRIL 28 TO JUNE 15, 2021

Source: Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Interpol. Crime Information Group. Received: June 15, 2021 - 12:00 pm

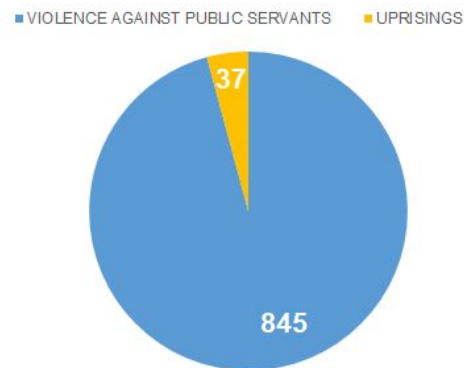
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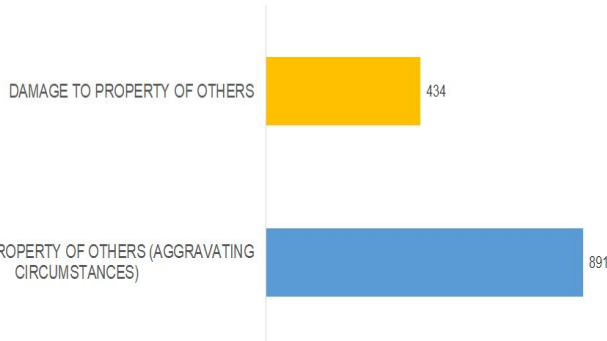
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Violence and Uprisings



Damage to Property of others



INJURIES AGAINST PEOPLE	CASES
ANATOMICAL OR FUNCTIONAL 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)	3
CULPABLE INJURIES (IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS)	3
ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE (ATTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES)	3
VIOLENT SEXUAL ACT	8
PERSONAL INJURIES	548



## 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:

1. **Judicialization against leaders of the ELN and Dagoberto Ramos** associated with terrorism, **due to the events that occurred in the city of Cali.**
2. Due to damage to the toll infrastructure, there are 9 people captured who already have an insurance measure.
3. **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

1. 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.
5. 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 7-Jun-2021 Press release

- 441 officials accompany the demonstrations (Average)
- 303 public defenders available 24/7 (to provide judicial representation)
- 372 mediations
- 286 supports for the opening of supply routes
- 113 identified acts of gender-based violence (against women and people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities)
- 1 person from the Police received in Cauca (to protect the protesters)

## 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
- 1 - 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 - Health
- 1 - Opinion Leaders and Entrepreneurs
- 1 - PDET Mayors

**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.

**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.

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



- 1,365** captures in flagrancy
- 74** arrests by court order
- 56,456** sharp-edged weapons seized
- 2,142** firearms seized
- 902** pneumatic weapons seized
- 518** criminal reports opened
- 262** 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 "