



## JOINT STATEMENT TEMBLORES ONG - INDEPAZ

Today, May 9, 2021, Temblores ONG and Indepaz join forces to express our concern and alert the national and international community about the escalation of violence by the State that has been witnessed throughout the country in the last 11 days, within the context of the National Strike.

After an exercise of verification and triangulation of information associated with denounces registered in different platforms, as of today, a total of 47 people have been killed since April 28, 2021, the day the National Strike began. Of these cases of homicidal violence, it has been possible to determine that 39 of them were due to police violence. Of the 47 victims of homicidal violence, 2 were women and 45 were men. 36 of the cases occurred in Valle del Cauca (35 in Cali and 1 in Yumbo), 3 in Cundinamarca (1 in Soacha and 2 in Madrid), 3 in Risaralda (2 in Pereira and 1 in La Virginia), 2 in Bogotá, 1 in Antioquia (Medellín), 1 in Tolima (Ibagué) and 1 in Santander (Floridablanca). Likewise, it has been possible to determine the following types of aggression with respect to the total number of cases of homicidal violence: **34 were caused by firearms**, 2 by ESMAD tanks, 2 by tear gas and 3 with a knife (6 cases without information).

In addition to the above, there have been numerous cases of violence at the national level by the Public Force. To date, at least 1,876 cases have been recorded, among which the following could be identified:

- 278 victims of physical violence
- 963 arbitrary arrests against demonstrators
- 356 violent interventions in the framework of peaceful protests
- 28 victims of eye injuries
- 111 cases of gunshot wounds
- 12 victims of sexual violence

**In view of these reports, we conclude the following:**

1. Homicidal violence has been committed in the midst of a decision by the National Government and the commanders of the Public Forces to promote a



disproportionate use of force and to tolerate the use of firearms as a method of terror against social protest. In more than 50% of the cases of homicidal violence, family members and witnesses have indicated material responsibility of agents of the Public Force. In 25% of the cases no one has been identified as the alleged perpetrator. In all cases, the Government and the commanders of the Public Force have to answer for action, omission or complicity.

2. It has been shown that the claims of the Minister of Defense and other officials about armed attacks against the Public Force, in the context of protest mobilizations, by illegal armed groups linked to drug trafficking and FARC dissidents, are completely false. In Cali, 35 young people have been murdered, while there has not been a single homicide of members of the National Police or the Military Forces who are part of what the government calls "military assistance". The regrettable case of the murder with a knife of a Police Captain in the municipality of Soacha is an isolated event that cannot be presented as part of a plan or pattern of infiltration or as a sign of violence with firearms by the marchers.
3. There are numerous videos of members of the Public Forces, police and members of intelligence agencies attacking peaceful rallies and meetings. The above, with firearms in hand, firing intimidating shots, spreading terror among the demonstrators and, on occasions, shooting in the direction of the crowd.
4. The Military, Police, National Government and control authorities have not responded to citizens' complaints about the presence of undercover agents in demonstrations who arrive armed to mix with the crowd, as has occurred in Cali. Nor has there been any response to attacks on medical assistance posts, nor to cases of patrolling by armed civilians allegedly supporting the Public Force.
5. The denouncement of **more than 500 missing persons**, after having been detained in the course of the protests, shows the seriousness of the human rights violations by State agents. Two of these missing persons were found dead on May 7, 2021.



6. The censorship that has been generated in some social networks on content associated with the National Strike has raised concerns about the possibility that this represents an obstacle to the recording and reporting of cases of police violence.

We close this press release by remembering the people killed in recent days in the context of the National Strike:

LIST OF VICTIMS OF HOMICIDAL VIOLENCE IN THE MIDST OF NATIONAL STRIKE				
Nº	NAME	AGE <sup>1</sup>	STATE	CITY/MUNICIPALITY
1	Jeisson García	13	Valle del Cauca	Cali
2	Michel David Reyes Pérez	No data	Bogotá	Bogotá
3	Cristian Alexis Moncayo Machado	No data	Valle del Cauca	Cali
4	Pol Stiven Sevillano Perea	18	Valle del Cauca	Cali
5	Charlie Parra Banguera	22	Valle del Cauca	Cali
6	Jesús Alberto Solano Beltrán	34	Cundinamarca	Soacha
7	Brian Gabriel Rojas López	No data	Risaralda	Pereira
8	Marcelo Agredo Inchima	17	Valle del Cauca	Cali
9	Miguel Ángel Pinto Molina	23	Valle del Cauca	Cali
10	Dadimir Daza Correa	No data	Valle del Cauca	Yumbo
11	Daniel Felipe Azcárate Falla	19	Valle del Cauca	Cali
12	Einer Alexander Lasso Chará	No data	Valle del Cauca	Cali
13	Maria Jovita Osorio	No data	Valle del Cauca	Cali

<sup>1</sup> The age of some of the people on the list has been approximated by using known images of them to establish age ranges.



14	Edwin Villa Escobar	No data	Valle del Cauca	Cali
15	José Augusto Ortiz Cortés	No data	Valle del Cauca	Cali
16	Jesús Flórez	86	Risaralda	Pereira
17	Julia Navarrete	No data	Valle del Cauca	Cali
18	Rosemberg Duglas	No data	Valle del Cauca	Cali
19	Kevin Yair González Ramos	No data	Valle del Cauca	Cali
20	Brayan Fernando Niño Araque	20	Cundinamarca	Madrid
21	Yeison Andrés Angulo Rodríguez	24	Valle del Cauca	Cali
22	Santiago Andrés Murillo	19	Tolima	Ibague
23	Jefferson Alexis Marín Morales	33	Antioquia	Medellín
24	Santiago Moreno Moreno	23	Valle del Cauca	Cali
25	Yofri Estebn Cardona	20	Valle del Cauca	Cali
26	Jhonatan Arlex Quiñones	36	Valle del Cauca	Cali
27	Nicolás García Guerrero	26	Valle del Cauca	Cali
28	Kevin Antoni Agudelo Jiménez	22	Valle del Cauca	Cali
29	José Emilson Ambuila	No data	Valle del Cauca	Cali
30	Cristian Arturo Hinojosa Murillo	26	Valle del Cauca	Cali
31	Harold Antonio Rodríguez	No data	Valle del Cauca	Cali
32	Wenceslao Solis	No data	Valle del Cauca	Yumbo
33	Juan Sebastian Moreno Castro	No data	Santander	Floridablanca
34	Mauricio González Escobar	25	Valle del Cauca	Yumbo
35	Héctor Morales	24	Risaralda	Pereira



36	Elvis Vivas	23	Cundinamarca	Pereira
37	Dylan Fabriany Barbosa León	No data	Bogotá	Bogotá
38-47	10 NN people	The age of some unidentified persons has been established.	Valle del Cauca.	Cali.