



## **Alert of Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad): Aguilas Negras again threaten to Liga de Mujeres Desplazadas in Colombia.**

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The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad) warning about the existence of a new threat by the paramilitary group Aguilas Negras (Black Eagles) and against Civil Society Organizations in Colombia such as the Liga de Mujeres Desplazadas (League of Displaced Women) member of our network.

The brief, originated from the Central Bloc of the Aguilas Negras, contain death threats and exposes the disappearance directly against most of 25 Colombian activists and over 75 civil society organizations, on which the statement says "death, death, death".

They appear in the list, organizations like the Liga de Mujeres Desplazadas (League of Displaced Women), Mujeres en Pie de Lucha por una Colombia Productiva (Women in struggle for a Productive Colombia), Asociación Nacional de Afrocolombianos Desplazados (National Association of Displaced Afro-Colombians, AFRODES), Asociación de Cabildos Indígenas del Norte del Cauca (Association of Indigenous Councils of Northern Cauca), Asociación de Familiares de la Violencia Política de Riosucio (Association of Relatives of the Violence Policy Riosucio), Fundación Infancia Feliz (Happy Childhood Foundation) and numerous other organizations and platforms.



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The threatening letter also contains foul language, vulgar and unethical, a series of statements that detail that Aguilas Negras knows the addresses, daily routes and activities carried victims to whom it is addressed. In this regard, the Aguilas Negras´ brief said "extermination plan against the leaders, journalists, human rights defenders" (...) "and those who assist in the paradigm of human rights defenders and those who continue to obstruct and conducting demonstrations, marches, workshops and events".

It should be recalled that in a pamphlet circulated electronically on February 15, 2011, also contained threats against the Liga de Mujeres Desplazadas. Also in June 2012, happened violent murder of Keila Berrio Almanza, member of the League and guarantor 319-09 precautionary protection measures by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Since 1999, the League of Displaced Women in Colombia has been the target of threats from groups like the Aguilas Negras and calling itself the Ejército Revolucionario Anticomunista (ERPAC) and the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy has repeatedly denounced these public threats.

In response, the Permanent Secretariat Redlad, platform for democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms comprising more than 450 organizations, networks and independent media, Official Member of the Civil Society Forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) and in his capacity as Regional Chapter of the World Movement for Democracy (WMD):

1. Urges the Colombian government to take necessary measures for the cessation of threats, murder and persecution of Colombian civil society human rights defender. We must remember that only in 2010, in areas such as the Department of Córdoba, there were more than 400 murders.
2. Warns about the resurgence of pamphlets in various regions of the country with threats from groups like the "Aguilas Negras" or bands like "Rastrojos" who in their localities are imposing private justice mechanisms.
3. Rejects the persecution of organizations and women leaders, while recalls the murder of activists as the defender of human rights in Colombia, Norma Irene Perez-August 2012 - after her denounce of the existence of mass graves victims of armed actors, as well as "false positives" and missing persons.
4. Warns of the seriousness of these facts as evidence of increasing concern real insecurity that exists in Colombia. Complaints of unlawful acts and human rights violations are subject to intimidation and, as in this case, the



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authors are persecuted, threatened, killed or disappeared by the perpetrators of these crimes or by warring groups and insurgents.

5. Urges the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IAHR) to take steps for the protection of threatened victims and their families.

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