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ONIC DENOUNCES WAVE OF MURDERS

Tolima: The death of two Indigenous people adds to the reported murder on November 2 of Nelson Moreno, president of the Ortega Municipal Council and leader of the Indigenous Regional Council of Tolima (CRIT).

Cauca: Saturday, November 6, in Rosguardo de Paletará, an armed group assassinated Jorge Vargas, interim governor of the Town Council, and member of the Indigenous organization and former guerrilla group, Manuel Quintín Lame. The group identified itself as part of the Coordinadora Guerrillera Simon Bolivar and was looking for other Indigenous members of the community.

Sierra Nevada: Tuesday, November 2. Two armed men appeared dressed as civilians in the community of Guamacas, district of San Juan del Cesar (Guajira) near Marocazo, where in April, the leader Arsario, Gregorio Nieves, was assassinated. Francisco Mujica, leader of the community of Guamacas, was also murdered. The fact that a few days before, the group UNASE appeared in Marocazo with a list of names among which were the commissioner of Marocazo, Rafael Francisco Nieves, and the general secretary of the organization YUGUMAYU BUNKUNARRUA TAYRONA, Victor Julian Alberto. The group was accompanied by a hooded man.

zone, several incidents have occurred that threaten the security of the Indigenous peoples of the area. The Armed Forces have surrounded and searched several Indigenous households in search of information regarding supposed links with guerrilla groups. On October 7, armed men dressed in civilian clothes broke into the house of Manuel Narciso Suárez, the treasurer of the Indigenous Town Council of Volao. They demanded information on guerrilla groups, and when he denied having knowledge of them, he was assassinated in front of his family. Before leaving, they issued the following threat: "Anyone who gives even a drop of water to the guerrilla, will be killed."

The Indigenous peoples living in Urabá, in the department of Antioquia, an area of armed conflict, are constantly subjected to the crossfire between the Armed Forces and the guerrilla groups which frequently engage in combat on Indigenous lands.

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