

# ANTI-TRADE UNION VIOLENCE IN COLOMBIA: JUST THE FACTS

- Colombia is the most dangerous place in the world for trade unionists – a fact that is undisputed. Over 60% of all trade unionists killed in the world are Colombian.
- The Colombian authorities argue that the situation is improving. However, the reality is somewhat different.

**On the reverse of this sheet are the names and details of the 186 Colombian trade unionists murdered between January 2007 and December 2010.**

**All of them were killed because of their trade union activity.**

- The Colombian authorities claim that the actual figures are considerably lower – an apparent attempt to mislead the international community.
- Virtually nobody is ever punished for committing abuses against trade unionists in Colombia. In 95% of cases the perpetrators enjoy complete impunity – a green light for the killings to continue.
- Though special units and commissions to investigate the killings have been established, in reality these bodies deliver few results. Rather than tackling the situation, the Colombian regime devotes its resources to PR campaigns aimed at downplaying the problem.
- The international community needs to take action. If they do not, trade unionists in Colombia will continue to die and those responsible will continue to escape punishment. Rewarding the Colombian regime with a Free Trade Agreement would send completely the wrong message.

**It is time for the killings to stop**

## **No Free Trade Agreements with Colombia**



- Justice for Colombia' (JFC) is a British-based human rights organisation supported by the British Trades Union Congress (TUC)
- Workers Uniting is the name of the new international trade union created by Unite, the largest union in the UK and Ireland, and the United Steelworkers, the largest private sector union in the US and Canada. It represents 3 million members.
- The Central Unitaria de Trabajadores (CUT) is the principle trade union confederation in Colombia, with over 700 affiliated trade unions.

# COLOMBIAN TRADE UNIONISTS ASSASSINATED JANUARY 2007 – DECEMBER 2010

No.	Victim	Date	Location	Union
1	Daniel Ruiz Bedoya	09/01/07	Itagui, Antioquia	SIGGINPEC
2	Jaime Vanegas Castellanos	14/01/07	Soledad, Atlantico	ADEA
3	Maria Teresa Jesus Chicaiza Burbano	15/01/07	Ricuarte, Narino	SIMANA
4	Francisco Leonel Bedoya Burgos	15/01/07	Ricuarte, Narino	SIMANA
5	Arnoldo Enrique Campo Medina	29/01/07	Chiriguana, Cesar	ADUCESAR
6	Luis Fabian Moreno Marin	01/02/07	Pereira, Risaralda	SER
7	William Cabuyales Diaz	28/02/07	Calí, Valle del Cauca	FERTRASUCCOL
8	Alcira Munoz Tapia	21/03/07	Popayan, Cauca	ASOINCA
9	Maria Teresa Silva Reyes	28/03/07	Santander de Quilichao, Cauca	ASOINCA
10	Juan Carlos Abucho	18/04/07	Fortul, Arauca	FENSUAGRO
11	Jose Jaime Rojas	19/04/07	Bogota	ADE
12	Dubian Barajas Carrillo	22/04/07	Fortul, Arauca	ACA
13	Miguel Angel Macias Guaca	22/04/07	Caldono, Cauca	ASOINCA
14	Victor Julio Benavides	26/04/07	Fortul, Arauca	ACA
15	Luis Miguel Gomez Porto	03/05/07	Ovejas, Sucre	SINDAGRICULTORES
16	Rafael Ramon Madrid Vega	11/05/07	Sahagun, Cordoba	ADEMACOR
17	Ana Silvia Melo Rodriguez	19/05/07	Bogota	SINDIMANUELA
18	Bernarda Zuniga Imbachi	21/05/07	Buenos Aires, Cauca	ASOINCA
19	Genaro Potes	26/05/07	El Castillo, Meta	SINTRAGRAM
20	Luis Alfonso Calderon Villamizar	09/06/07	Cucuta, Norte de Santander	ASINORT
21	Marieny Berrio de Rodriguez	11/06/07	Florencia, Caqueta	AICA
22	Julio Cesar Gomez Cano	23/06/07	Medellin, Antioquia	ADIDA
23	Arnovis Ocoro Balanta	01/07/07	Popayan, Cauca	SINTRAVIECALI
24	Hector Robledo Gonzalez	04/07/07	Calí, Valle del Cauca	SINTRAZARZAL
25	Jesus Maria Villafane Millan	10/08/07	Palмира, Valle del Cauca	SUTEV
26	Andres Escobar Escobar	10/08/07	Valledupar, Cesar	ADUCESAR
27	Augusto Ramirez Atehortua	06/09/07	Medellin, Antioquia	ADIDA
28	Simon Corena	10/09/07	Orito, Putumayo	FENSUAGRO
29	Feliciano Obando	10/09/07	Orito, Putumayo	FENSUAGRO
30	Genil Yascuaran Pai	10/09/07	Orito, Putumayo	FENSUAGRO
31	Jairo Alberto Valencia Correa	12/09/07	Medellin, Antioquia	ADIDA
32	Rosalino Palacio Mosquera	19/09/07	Bello, Antioquia	ADIDA
33	Luis Fernando Gomez Valencia	21/10/07	San Jose del Guaviare, Guaviare	ADEG
34	Alexis Arango	31/10/07	Calí, Valle del Cauca	SUTEV
35	Leonidas Silva Castro	02/11/07	Villacaro, Norte de Santander	ASINORT
36	Jairo Giraldo Rey	03/11/07	Toro, Valle del Cauca	SINALTRAIFRUT
37	Consuelo Mercedes Restrepo Campo	07/11/07	Cartago, Valle del Cauca	SUTEV
38	Jose Jesus Marin Vargas	22/11/07	Dosquebradas, Risaralda	SINALTRAINAL
39	Luis Alberto Torres Ochoa	07/11/07	La Dorada, Caldas	EDUCAL
40	Mario Zuluaga	02/01/08	Medellin, Antioquia	ASMEADAS
41	Miguel Andres Lopez	11/01/08	Leticia, Amazonas	ASEINPEC
42	Israel Alfonso Perez Montes	11/01/08	Valledupar, Cesar	SINTRAMIENERGETICA
43	Ramiro de Jesus Perez Zapata	12/01/08	San Jeronimo, Antioquia	ADIDA
44	Israel Gonzalez	24/01/08	San Antonio, Tolima	FENSUAGRO
45	Jose Suarez Leal	28/01/08	Itagui, Antioquia	ASEINPEC
46	Jose Martin Duarte	02/02/08	Villaviciencia, Meta	SINTRAMBIENTE
47	Maria del Carmen Mesa Pasochoa	08/02/08	Tame, Arauca	ASEDAR
48	Arley Benavidez Samboni	09/02/08	Balboa, Cauca	ANTHOC
49	Maria Teresa Trujillo	09/02/08	Santander de Quilichao, Cauca	ASOINCA
50	Jose Giraldo Mamian	09/02/08	La Vega, Cauca	ASOINCA
51	Carmen Cecilia Carvajal Ramirez	04/03/08	San Jose de Cucuta, Norte de Santander	ASINORT
52	Gildardo Antonio Gomez	07/03/08	Medellin, Antioquia	ADIDA
53	Leonidas Gomez Roza	08/03/08	Bogota	UNEB
54	Miller Vaquero	09/03/08	Chaparral, Tolima	FENSUAGRO
55	Carlos Burbano	12/03/08	San Vicente del Caguán, Caqueta	ANTHOC
56	Victor Manuel Munoz	12/03/08	Codazzi, Cesar	ADUCESAR
57	Ignacio Andrade	15/03/08	Chaparral, Tolima	FENSUAGRO
58	Manuel Antonio Jimenez	15/03/08	Puerto Asis, Putumayo	FENSUAGRO
59	Jose Fernando Quiroz	16/03/08	Puerto Asis, Putumayo	FENSUAGRO
60	Jose Gregorio Astros	18/03/08	Cartago, Valle del Cauca	ASEINPEC
61	Julio Cesar Trochez	22/03/08	Sevilla, Valle del Cauca	SUTEV
62	Adolfo Gonzalez Montes	22/03/08	Riohacha, La Guajira	SINTRACARBON
63	Luz Mariela Diaz Lopez	01/04/08	Valle del Guamuez, Putumayo	ASEP
64	Emerson Ivan Herrera	01/04/08	Valle del Guamuez, Putumayo	ASEP
65	Rafael Antonio Leal Medina	04/04/08	Guayabal, Tolima	AICA
66	Omar Ariza	07/04/08	Sevilla, Valle del Cauca	SUTEV
67	Luis Enrique Gutierrez	15/04/08	Tausa, Cundinamarca	SINDESENA
68	Jesus Heberto Caballero Ariza	16/04/08	Barranquilla, Atlantico	SINDESENA
69	Guillermo Rivera	22/04/08	Ibague, Tolima	SINSERPUB
70	Tomás Alberto Chiquillo Pascuales	10/05/08	San Angel, Magdalena	SINTRAPALMA
71	Luis Orlando Gelves	11/05/08	Nuevo Oriente, Arauca	FENSUAGRO
72	Marcelo Vergara Sanchez	05/06/08	Buga, Valle del Cauca	SUTEV
73	Omar Alexander Camacho Vasquez	06/06/08	Cucuta, Norte de Santander	ASEINPEC
74	Favier Dario Pelaez Castano	13/06/08	Caicedonia, Valle del Cauca	ASEINPEC
75	Walter Anibal Recalde Ordóñez	19/06/08	Buga, Valle del Cauca	ASEINPEC
76	Jose Humberto Munoz Guarín	22/06/08	Restrepo, Valle del Cauca	SUTEV
77	Haly Martín Mendoza	09/07/08	San Jose de Cucuta, Norte de Santander	ASINORT
78	Jesus Palomeque Valencia	05/08/08	San Jose de Cucuta, Norte de Santander	ASINORT
79	Luis Mayusa Prada	08/08/08	Saravena, Arauca	FENSUAGRO
80	Manuel Erminson Gamboa Melendez	13/08/08	Puerto Asis, Putumayo	FENSUAGRO
81	Jose Omar Galeano Martinez	23/08/08	Buga, Valle del Cauca	FECOLOC
82	Pablo Florez Barrera	24/08/08	Santa Marta, Magdalena	SINTRAMIENERGETICA
83	Jesus Escorcia Cortes	24/08/08	Barranquilla, Atlantico	SINTRAMIENERGETICA
84	Eliseo Vera Gonzalez	27/09/08	Muzo, Boyaca	ASEINPEC
85	Alvaro Antonio Guecha Morales	18/10/08	Muzo, Boyaca	SINDIMAESTROS
86	Estiven Bastidas Jeferson	25/10/08	Puerto Leguizamo, Putumayo	FENSUAGRO
87	Roberto Morales	13/11/08	La Union, Valle del Cauca	SUTEV
88	William Rubio Ortiz	12/12/08	Santander De Quilichao, Cauca	SINTRAMBIENTE
89	Adolfo Tique	01/01/09	Prado, Tolima	SINTRAGRITOL
90	Diego Ricardo Rasedo Guerra	07/01/09	Sabana de Torres, Santander	ASOGRAS
91	Ariel Samboni Guaca	16/01/09	Argelia, Antioquia	FENSUAGRO
92	Leovigildo Mejia	28/01/09	Sabana de Torres, Santander	ASOGRAS
93	Luis Franklin Velez Figueroa	01/31/09	Quibdo, Choco	SINTRAUINCOL

No.	Victim	Date	Location	Union
94	Luis Alberto Arango Crespo	12/02/09	Barrancabermeja, Santander	ASOPEPESAM
95	Guillermo Antonio Ramirez Ramirez	15/02/09	Belen de Umbria, Risaralda	SER
96	Ramiro Cuadros Roballo	24/03/09	Rio Frio, Valle del Cauca	SUTEV
97	Alexander Pinto Gomez	24/03/09	Giron, Santander	ASEINPEC
98	Jose Alejandro Amado Castillo	24/03/09	Giron, Santander	ASEINPEC
99	Armando Carreno	27/03/09	Las Cruces, Arauca	USO
100	Hernan Polo Barrera	04/04/09	Monteria, Cordoba	SINTRENAL
101	Frank Mauricio Aguirre Aguirre	16/04/09	Itagui, Antioquia	ASEMPI
102	Jorge Alberto Garcia	04/21/09	Santa Rosa de Cabal, Risaralda	SER
103	Edgar Martinez	22/04/09	San Pablo, Bolivar	FEDEAGROSIMBOL
104	Victor Franco Franco	22/04/09	Villamaria, Caldas	EDUCAL
105	Milton Blanco Leguizamón	24/04/09	Tame, Arauca	ASEDAR
106	Maria Rosabel Zapata	05/07/09	Calí, Valle	SUTEV
107	Vilma Carcamo Blanco	09/05/09	Magangué, Bolívar	ANTHOC
108	Julio Ramos Rigoberto	09/05/09	Montes, Cordoba	ADEMACOR
109	Herberth Sony Cardenas	15/05/09	Barrancabermeja, Santander	ASODEMI
110	Pablo Rodriguez Garavito	09/06/09	Puerto Rondon, Arauca	ASEDAR
111	Jorge Humberto Echeverri Garro	11/06/09	Araquita, Arauca	ASEDAR
112	Rafael Antonio Sepulveda Lara	20/06/09	San Jose de Cucuta, Norte de Santander	ANTHOC
113	Herber Gonzalez Herrera	25/07/09	Sabana de Torres, Santander	FENSUAGRO
114	Jacinto Herrera	26/07/09	Riohacha, Guajira	ASODEGUA
115	Miguel Angel Guzman	08/08/09	Anserma, Caldas	SER
116	Diego Cobo	11/08/09	San Andres de Sotavento	ADEMACOR
117	Gustavo Gomez	21/08/09	Dos Quebradas, Risaralda	SINALTRAINAL
118	Fredy Diaz Ortiz	22/08/09	Valledupar, Cesar	ASEINPEC
119	Abel Carrasquilla	23/08/09	Sabana de Torres, Santander	ASOGRAS
120	Oscar Eduardo Suarez Suescun	11/09/09	Cucuta, Norte de Santander	ASINORT
121	Zuly Rojas	09/10/09	Saravena, Arauca	SINDESS
122	Melendez Honorio Llorente	17/10/09	Puerto Wilches, Santander	SINTRAINAGRO
123	Rafael Antonio Cantero Ceballas	27/10/09	Lorica, Cordoba	ADEMACOR
124	Ivan Edgardo Tovar Murrillo	10/29/09	Ibague, Tolima	SIMATOL
125	Ramiro Israel Montes Palencia	29/10/09	Montelíbano, Córdoba	ADEMACOR
126	Paulo Suarez	1/11/09	Saravena, Arauca	FENSUAGRO
127	Raul Medina Diaz	05/11/09	Araquita, Arauca	FENSUAGRO
128	Apolinario Herrera	12/11/09	Araquita, Arauca	FENSUAGRO
129	Zorayda Cortes Lopez	13/11/09	Pereira, Risaralda	SER
130	Fabio Sanchez	13/11/09	Saravena, Arauca	FENSUAGRO
131	Fredy Fabian Martinez Castellanos	11/15/09	Chia, Cundinamarca	ADE
132	Leny Yanube Rengifo Gomez	24/11/09	Popayan, Cauca	ASOINCA
133	Manuel Alfonso Cuello Valenzuela	26/11/09	Magangué, Bolívar	SUDEB
134	Alberto Jaimes Pabon	27/11/09	Saravena, Arauca	FENSUAGRO
135	Norberto Garcia Quiceno	2/01/10	Leticia, Valle	SUTEV
136	Carlos Andres Cheiva	18/01/10	Turkey, Amazonas	SUDEA
137	Jaime Fernando Bazante Guzman	19/01/10	Caloto, Cauca	ASOINCA
138	Henry Saul Moya Moya	22/01/10	Rovira, Tolima	ASTRACATOL
139	Oveto Beltran Narvaez	28/01/10	San Antero, Córdoba	ADEMACOR
140	Rigoberto Polo Contreras	3/02/10	Tuchin, Córdoba	ADEMACOR
141	Omar Alonso Restrepo	10/02/10	Montericito, Bolívar	FEDEAGROMISBOL
142	Jose de Jesus Restrepo	10/02/10	Montericito, Bolívar	FEDEAGROMISBOL
143	Beatriz Alarcon	13/02/10	Sabanaeta, Antioquia	ADIDA
144	Francisco Ernesto Goyes Salazar	12/03/10	Santa Cruz, Narino	SIMANA
145	Duvian Rojo Cadavid	13/03/10	Puerto Berrio, Antioquia	ADIDA
146	Israel Verona	17/03/10	Saravena, Arauca	ACA
147	Gustavo Gil Sierra	20/03/10	Aranjez, Antioquia	ADIDA
148	Rosendo Rojas Tovar	21/03/10	San Vicente del Caguán, Caqueta	AICA
149	Miyer Antonio Garcés Rosero	26/03/10	Popayan, Cauca	ASOINCA
150	Javier Cardenas Gil	1/04/10	La Tebaida, Quindío	Assoc. Sindical Anserma, Balneario, Quindío
151	Henry Ramirez Daza	11/04/10	Ibague, Tolima	SINTRABECOLICAS
152	Arnulfo Torres Sanchez	15/04/10	Itagui, Antioquia	ADIDA
153	Francisco Valerio Orozco	16/04/10	Caceres, Antioquia	ADIDA
154	Jose Isidro Rangel Avendano	19/04/10	Cartagena, Bolivar	SNTT
155	Jorge Ivan Montoya Torrado	20/04/10	Cartagena, Bolivar	SNTT
156	Elkin Eduardo Gonzalez	21/04/10	Tierralta, Córdoba	ADEMACOR
157	Alicades Gonzalez Castro	21/04/10	Tame, Arauca	ACA
158	Javier Estrada Ovalle	24/04/10	Calí, Valle	SUTEV
159	Benito Diaz Alvarez	25/04/10	San Bernardo Viento, Córdoba	ADEMACOR
160	Humberto Peña Gonzalez	5/05/10	Caloto, Cauca	ASEINPEC
161	Fabian Franco Tigreros	6/05/10	Jamundi, Valle	SINALSERPUB
162	Francisco Antonio Abello Rebollo	17/05/10	Pueblo Viejo, Magdalena	SINTRAINAGRO
163	Leslien Torcoroma Penaranda Blanco	18/05/10	Abrego, Norte de Santander	ASINORT
164	Martin Isaac Soto Nieves	30/05/10	Santa Marta, Magdalena	SINTRAELECOL
165	Hernan Abdell Ordoñez Dorado	05/06/10	Calí, Valle	ASEINPEC
166	Nelson Camacho Gonzalez	17/06/10	Barrancabermeja, Santander	USO
167	Efren Calcedo Ibio	19/06/10	Caucasia, Antioquia	ADIDA
168	Enrique Horacio Medina Alfaro	4/07/10	Santa Barbara De Pinto, Magdalena	EDUMAG
169	Fernando Lobos Aragón	31/07/10	Santander De Quilichao, Cauca	ASOINCA
170	Luis German Restrepo	12/08/10	Medellin, Antioquia	SINTRAMPAQUES
171	Pedro Elias Ballesteros Rojas	04/09/10	Cúcuta, Norte De Santander	ASONAL JUDICIAL
172	Robinson Rivera Higueta	04/09/10	Peque, Antioquia	ADIDA
173	Segundo Salvador Forero Moreno	9/09/10	Anserma, Caldas	EDUCAL
174	Nelson Murillo Tabora	9/09/10	El Castillo, Meta	SINTRAGRAM
175	Luis Fernando Hoyos Arteaga	10/09/10	Lorica, Córdoba	ADEMACOR
176	William Tafur	26/10/10	Santa Marta, Magdalena	SINTRAMIENERGETICA
177	Omaira Tamayo Montaño	30/10/10	Sitio Nuevo, Magdalena	EDUMAG
178	Carlos Hernando Castillo Calvache	4/11/10	Mocóa, Putumayo	ASEINPEC
179	Ligia Gonzalez	06/11/10	Tulua, Valle	SUTEV
180	Thomás Aquino Buelvas	14/11/10	Montelíbano, Córdoba	ADEMACOR
181	Diego Leonardo Vanegas	16/11/10	Medellin, Antioquia	ADIDA
182	Hernando Bula Nevis	20/11/10	Sahagun, Córdoba	ADEMACOR
183	José Luis Montemiranda	4/12/10	Cartagena, Bolivar	SINCONTAXCAR
184	Ariel De Jesus Benitez Hernandez	6/12/10	Yarumal, Antioquia	ADIDA
185	Wilson Albeiro Erazo Acuntar	11/12/10	Palмира, Valle	SINALTRAINAL
186	Alberto Hernández	13/12/10	Saravena, Arauca	SIDEMS