


STATEMENT OF THE CRITICAL AND AUTONOMOUS GEOGRAPHIES. SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH COLOMBIA – NATIONAL STRIKE 2021



AS CRITICAL GEOGRAPHERS, SPATIAL SCIENTISTS, EDUCATORS, MILITANTS, ACTIVISTS, DEFENDERS OF TERRITORIES, BODIES AND LANDS FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF LATIN AMERICA, WE COMBINE AND RAISE OUR VOICE, A COLLECTIVE VOICE, TO DENOUNCE THE ATROCITIES AND BRUTAL REPRESSION THAT IS BEING EXERCISED IN COLOMBIA.

ON APRIL 28TH, MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS AND POPULAR PROTESTS BEGAN TO TAKE PLACE AGAINST THE TAX REFORMS THAT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF IVAN DUQUE WANTED AND WANTS TO IMPOSE. THESE NEOLIBERAL REFORMS ARE A SERIES OF MEASURES THAT AIM TO DEEPEN POVERTY AND HUNGER, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE THE LEAST ECONOMIC ASSETS.

IN A CONTEXT WHERE THE GOVERNMENT CREATES LITTLE OR NO OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, WHERE THERE IS AN INCREASE IN SOCIAL SEGREGATION AND THE GAPS BETWEEN RICH AND POOR ARE DEEPENING, WHERE THE PRIVATISATION OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH IS AGGRAVATED BY THE PANDEMIC AND LEAVES OUT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT GROUPS, COLLECTIVES AND COMMUNITIES, WHERE THE LEGITIMATE NEEDS AND DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AND ARE PART OF THE COUNTRY ARE NOT BEING HEARD, WHERE INDISCRIMINATE ASSASSINATIONS ARE CONSTANTLY TAKING PLACE, AND WHERE THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSTANTLY TRYING TO IMPOSE NEW MEASURES THAT ARE NOT IN LINE WITH THE NEEDS AND DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AND ARE PART OF THE COUNTRY, WHERE INDISCRIMINATE AND UNPUNISHED ASSASSINATIONS OF SOCIAL LEADERS AND DEFENDERS OF THE TERRITORIES ARE CONSTANTLY TAKING PLACE, WHERE THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CRISIS IS DEEPENING, WHERE ORGANISED ANGER MANIFESTS ITSELF IN THE STREETS TO EXPRESS DISCONTENT AND THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE THROUGH ITS ARMED FORCES PRODUCES VIOLENCE, IN AN ATTEMPT TO USE TERROR AS A MEASURE OF CONTROL AND DEMOBILISATION.

ACCORDING TO DATA SHARED THROUGH THE GRITA PLATFORM, FROM 28 APRIL TO 5 MAY THERE HAVE BEEN 1708 CASES OF POLICE VIOLENCE (37 MURDERS, 10 VICTIMS OF SEXUALISED VIOLENCE, 56 DISAPPEARANCES, 110 CASES OF THE USE OF FIREARMS, 222 VICTIMS OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, 831 ARBITRARY DETENTIONS, 312 VIOLENT INTERVENTIONS AND 22 VICTIMS OF OCULAR INJURIES). SOCIAL, ACADEMIC, STUDENT AND TRADE UNION ORGANISATIONS IN COLOMBIA DENOUNCE THAT DESPITE THE GRAVITY OF WHAT HAS BEEN SYSTEMATISED BY THE PLATFORM, IT IS NECESSARY TO ADD TO THESE NUMBERS EVERYTHING THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN REGISTERED, SO THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF VIOLENT REPRESSION IS FAR MORE DEVASTATING THAN WHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED SO FAR. VARIOUS SOURCES, WHICH FOR REASONS OF SAFETY WILL NOT BE MENTIONED HERE, SHARE INFORMATION THAT IN CITIES SUCH AS CALI, PEREIRA, BUCARAMANGA, MANIZALES, ARMENIA, IBAGUÉ, NEIVA, MEDELLÍN, BOGOTÁ, VILLAVICENCIO, PASTO, POPAYÁN AND MANY OTHERS, POLICE AND ARMY SQUADS ARE COMING IN TO THREATEN AND SHOOT PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, ESPECIALLY IN POPULAR NEIGHBOURHOODS.

FOR ALL THESE REASONS, WE JOIN THE DEMANDS FOR AN END TO THE INSTITUTIONAL AND POLICE VIOLENCE AND MILITARISATION THAT IS BEING EXERCISED BY THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT, WE URGE WITH ALL OUR STRENGTH THAT THE GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY CEASES THE REPRESSION AND CRIMINALISATION OF PROTEST, THAT IT STOPS ATTACKING AND ASSAULTING THE INTERNATIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANISATIONS THAT ARE SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE, THAT IT PROTECTS THE PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO ARE PROTESTING, THAT IT RESPECTS THEIR WORK SO THAT IT IS CARRIED OUT ENTIRELY IN FAVOUR OF THE PEOPLE, AND THAT THERE IS A PROCESS OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPARATION FOR ALL THE POLICE REPRESSION DURING THE DAYS OF DEMONSTRATIONS.

AS AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WE HAVE OUR EYES ON THE COLOMBIAN TERRITORIES, OUR CALL SITUATED IN THE LEGITIMATE INDIGNATION GENERATED BY THE STATE VIOLENCE, AND OUR SOLIDARITY WITH THE DIGNIFIED RAGE OF THE PEOPLE OF COLOMBIA WHO ARE ORGANISING AND RESISTING.

STOP THE ABUSES AND REPRESSION IN COLOMBIA!
PROTESTING IS NOT A CRIME!
STOP THE MASSACRES!

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