

URGENT ACTION

TWO TRANS WOMEN KILLED AND ANOTHER INJURED

One transgender woman was found dead on the night of 4 to 5 July in Cali, south-western Colombia. Two other trans women were injured, one of them fatally, following attacks with knives during a separate incident, also in Cali.

On the night of 4 to 5 July the body of **a transgender woman** was found in the neighbourhood of San Nicolás in Cali, Valle del Cauca Department. She also received two gunshot wounds, one in the face and another to the upper body.

In a separate incident on the same night, two men and one woman attacked **a group of trans women** with knives in another area in Cali. One of the trans women was fatally injured and another had to be taken to hospital due to her injuries. Others survived unharmed. The police had stopped the three alleged attackers prior to the incident at the request of the trans women, but let them go after checking their documents.

Amnesty International is not identifying the trans women by name out of concern for their safety.

The Santamaría Foundation, a local NGO, has documented four killings of trans women in Cali in 2015, and 68 killings since 2005. Colombia Diversa, a national human rights NGO, has documented 15 killings of trans women in 2015 in the country as a whole.

Please write immediately in Spanish or your own language:

- Expressing concern for the safety of the trans woman in hospital and the trans women who were attacked, and calling on the authorities to ensure protection measures for them in strict accordance with their wishes;
- Urging the authorities to order a full and impartial investigations into the killings and attack in Cali on 4 to 5 July, taking into account the possibility of a transphobic motive, to publish the results and prosecute those responsible.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 21 AUGUST 2015 TO:

President

Juan Manuel Santos
 Presidente de la República
 Casa de Nariño
 Calle 7. No 6-54.
 Bogotá, Colombia
 Fax: +57 1 596 0631

Salutation: Dear President Santos/

Excmo. Sr. Presidente Santos

Attorney General

Eduardo Montealegre
 Fiscalía General de la Nación
 Diagonal 22B No. 52-01 (Ciudad Salitre)
 Bloque C Piso 4,
 Bogotá, Colombia
 Fax +57 1 570 2000 (when recorded

voice answers, dial ext 2023)

Salutation: Dear Attorney General/

Estimado Sr. Fiscal General

And copies to:

NGO

Santamaría Fundación
 Carrera 35 No. 19 - 32
 Barrio Cristóbal Colón
 Cali, Valle del Cauca
 Colombia

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please insert local diplomatic addresses below:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Santamaría Foundation promotes the self-determination of transgender people in the participation, promotion, and defence of their human rights. They lobby the state authorities for the recognition of the rights of trans people and the social inclusion and full citizenship of trans people in public policies.

The human rights NGO Colombia Diversa reported that in 2013 and 2014 there had been 164 killings of LGBTI people in the country as a whole. The vast majority of the killings happened in Antioquia and Valle del Cauca Departments. They also noted that there had been an increase in police violence against members of the LGBTI community, especially against trans people.

In June a decree was passed which facilitated the administrative procedures for trans people to register a change of legal gender in identification and other public documents.

Name: Three transgender women (names withheld due to security concerns)

Gender m/f: trans women

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