

Concentration and use of land cause the killings of social leaders

Issues related to the concentration and use of land are the primary factors causing the killings of social leaders. Colombian president, Ivan Duque, in the closing ceremony of the Ministries of Justice of the Ibero-american countries in Medellín, (one day before the march in defense of the lives of social leaders), once again, blames narcotraffic and ilegal mining for the killings of social leaders. However, a recent inform of Foundation Forjando Futuros compares the progress in the land restitution programe per department and shows the connection between the conflicto over land and the killings of human rights defenders. The departments showing mayor number of agresions against human rights defenders are: Cauca, Antioquia and Norte de Santander, áreas which coincide with a minimal progress in land restitution, as the following maps shows:

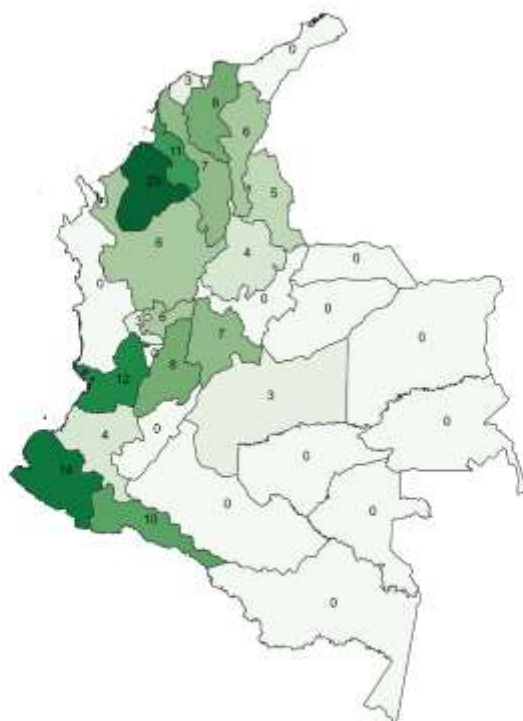
The table shows that the three departments with mayor agresions against social leaders, at the same time are those areas where the progress in land restitution is very slow. In Antioquia only 6% of the land claims have resulted in their restitution , in Norte de Santander 5% and in Cauca 4%. The national government has to recognise the fact that the agresions and killings of social leaders are closely linked to disposesion of land, change in land use and sabotage of the land restitution programe.

In addition, we add an infographic showing the progress in the land restitution programe at the national scale.



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Map on Progress in Land Restitution and Killings of Social Leaders in Colombia - July 2019



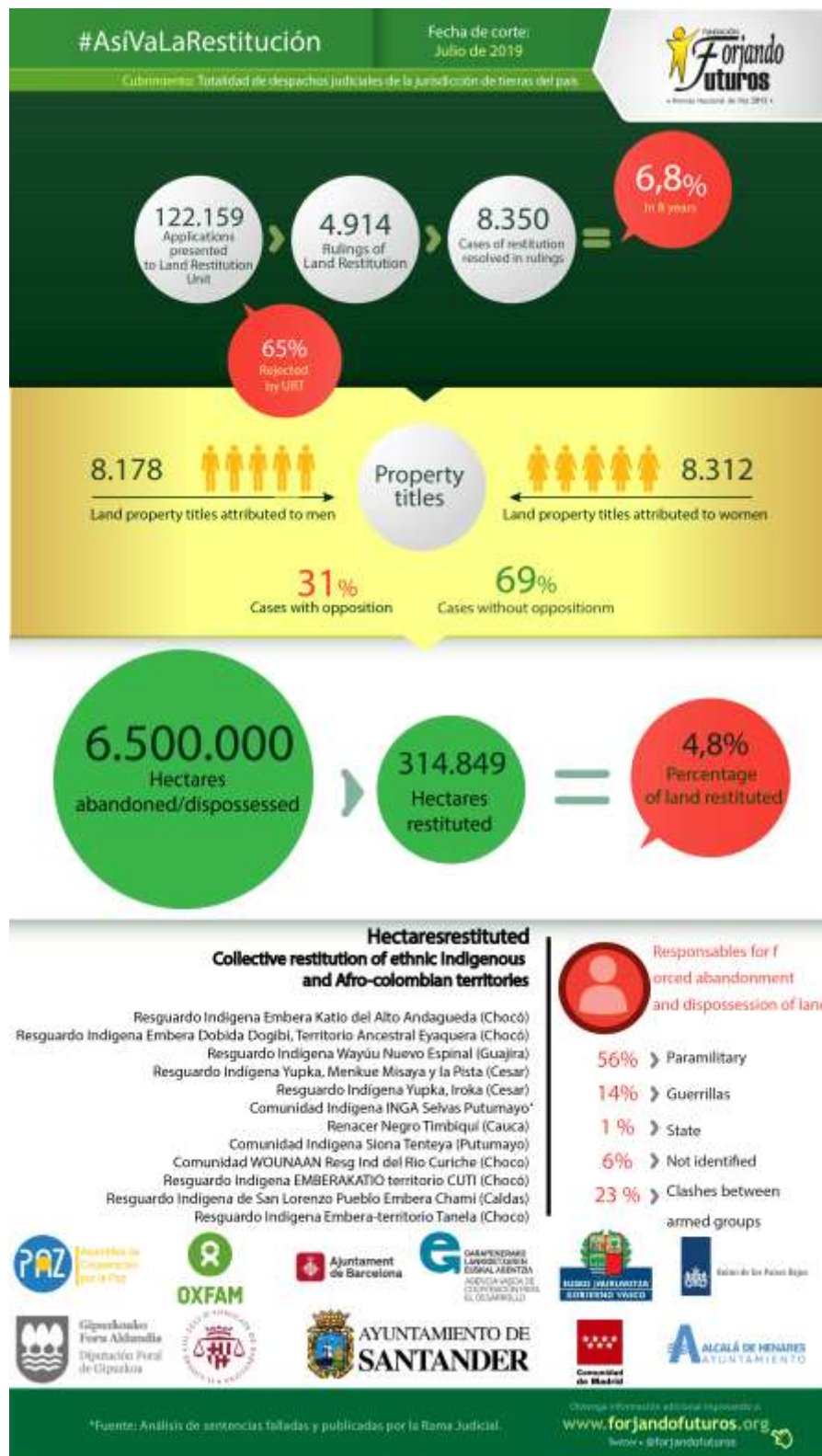
| # | Department | Application to Restitution | % Percentage resulting in restitution | Social leaders killed January 2018 - July 2019 |
|----|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Cauca | 4365 | 4 | 37 |
| 2 | Antioquia | 21204 | 6 | 33 |
| 3 | Norte de Santander | 4871 | 5 | 21 |
| 4 | Valle del Cauca | 4373 | 12 | 16 |
| 5 | Putumayo | 6374 | 10 | 13 |
| 6 | Cauqueta | 4146 | 0,1 | 15 |
| 7 | Nariño | 7197 | 14 | 13 |
| 8 | Meta | 8574 | 3 | 8 |
| 9 | Santander | 4236 | 4 | 5 |
| 10 | Choco | 2822 | 0,2 | 5 |
| 11 | Arauca | 1050 | 0 | 5 |
| 12 | Córdoba | 4155 | 23 | 4 |
| 13 | Cundinamarca | 3020 | 7 | 3 |
| 14 | Risaralda | 1012 | 3 | 3 |
| 15 | Tolima | 7725 | 8 | 2 |
| 16 | Magdalena | 7189 | 8 | 4 |
| 17 | Bolivar | 7721 | 7 | 3 |
| 18 | Caldas | 2172 | 6 | 2 |
| 19 | Cesar | 7772 | 6 | 3 |
| 20 | Casanare | 1345 | 0,1 | 3 |
| 21 | Huila | 1586 | 0,1 | 3 |
| 22 | Atlántico | 581 | 3 | 2 |
| 23 | Boyacá | 739 | 0 | 1 |
| 24 | Quindio | 153 | 0 | 1 |
| 25 | Sucre | 3202 | 11 | 0 |
| 26 | La Guajira | 1087 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | Amazonas | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | San Andrés | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | Guainía | 57 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | Guaviare | 1920 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | Vaupes | 91 | 0 | 0 |
| 32 | Vichado | 1060 | 0 | 0 |



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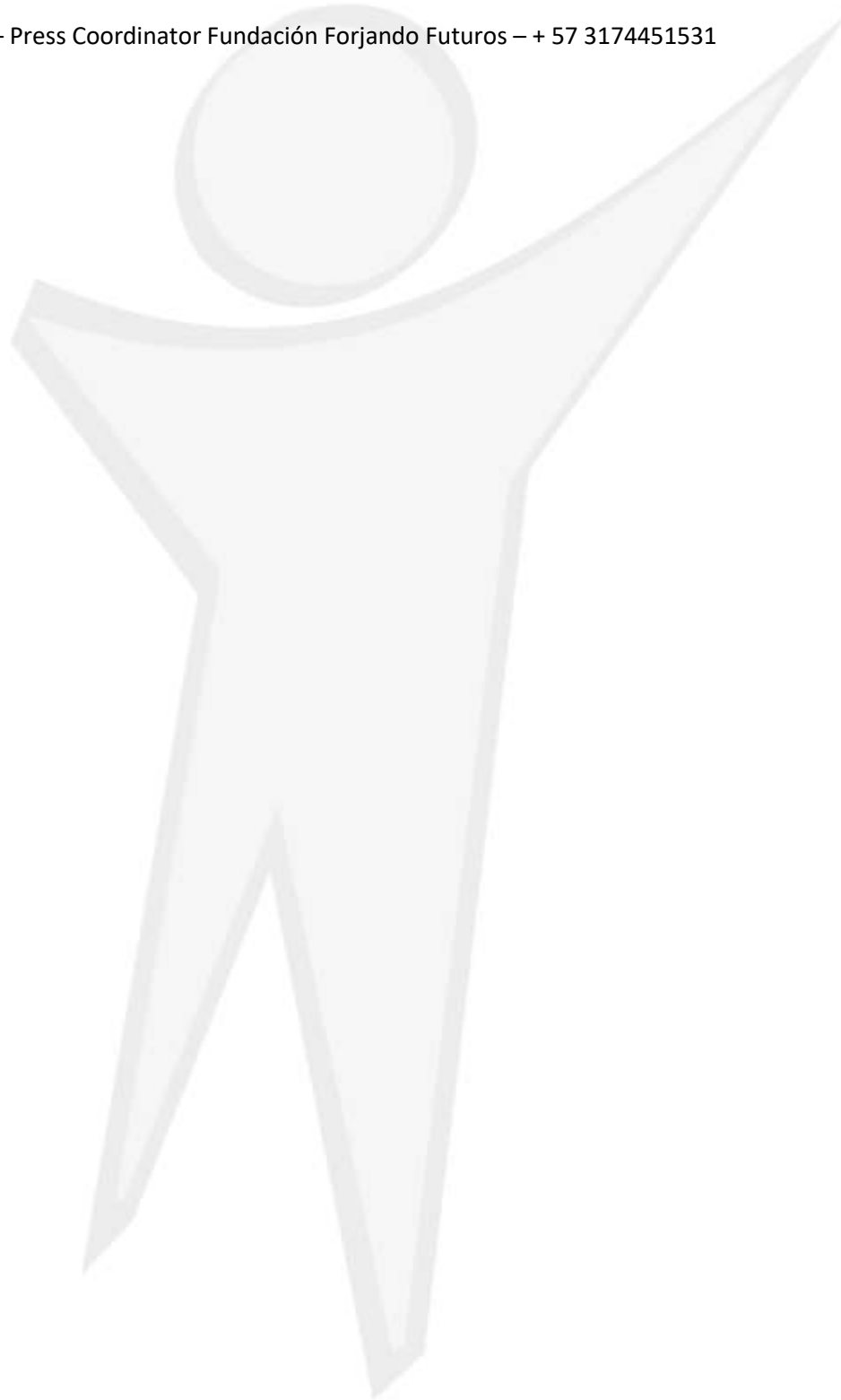
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