

Criminalization of Political Activity at the Time of the Anti-terrorist Crusade

Colombia: 7200 detained for

Featuring
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political reasons

Political prisoners in Colombia are typically students, farmers, trade unionists, indigenous people or Afrodescendants. They have been imprisoned unjustly for their ideas, their involvement in social movements or human rights causes, or simply for being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

These men and women find themselves imprisoned with little recourse under the constant watch of the same State which considers them to be an internal enemy threat. Hence, the positions of political prisoners of all categories are extremely vulnerable. Treated like animals, criminals in the eyes of society, they have been erased from the social reality and choked from history.

Social movements and political crime at the time of the anti-terrorist crusade
In a world obsessed with our individual and collective security, where State crimes are becoming all the more commonplace on the international scene, the discourse of the mainstream media too often conflates voices of dissent and popular struggle with terrorism. Thus, social justice activists and human rights defenders become potential terrorists in the eyes of the public.

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