

Colombia Resources

Women Against Military Madness is a nonviolent, feminist organization that employs legal, nonviolent tactics. With our country's name and tax dollars used in foreign and domestic policy, we believe that citizens have the right and responsibility to inform themselves and act, listening to a variety of voices and perspectives.

2010 Reports:

"Military Assistance and Human Rights: Colombia, U.S. Accountability, and Global Implications," July 2010 report from The Fellowship of Reconciliation U.S. Office on Colombia. Highest level of extrajudicial killings with U.S. assists. forusa.org

Paramilitaries' Heirs, the New Face of Violence in Colombia," Human Rights Watch Report, February 2010: Based on nearly two years of field research, documents the emergence of new paramilitary groups that have been terrorizing the rural countryside. hrw.org

Revolutionary Social Change in Colombia: The Origin and Direction of the FARC-EP, Pluto Press, 2010. Though they do not believe in armed struggle, people will learn much about internal conflict within Colombia from a sociologist who conducted academic and five-year field study. www.plutobooks.com
Also: May Day Books, Minneapolis

Women: Defending Themselves:

International Summit of Women and People of the Americas against Militarization, report dated September 10, 2010. 3,000 delegates attended, including 200 from the Americas and Europe. Urged a political negotiation to the armed conflict with protection of human rights. See colombiasolidarity.org and for.org

Madras: Demanding rights, resources and results for women worldwide. Critical services for displaced Afro-Colombian and indigenous women; programs for youth at risk for recruitment, escaped child soldiers. Links to Colombia organizations: Taller de Vida (Workshop of Life), LIMPAL. madras.org

Information and Action:

Colombia Support Network: Works for a negotiated peace with justice in Colombia through strengthening solidarity with grassroots organizations such as women's groups, teachers, cooperatives, unions, environmental groups, indigenous movements. Sister city projects, delegations, petitions, letters to U.S. government officials, newsletters, action alerts, links. colombiasupport.net

Colombia Action Network: Solidarity focus on ending U.S. military aid to Colombia. Articles, campaigns. Tries to change U.S. policy through demonstrations, speaking tours of Colombian social movement leaders, national and regional conferences, delegations, accompaniments. www.colombiasolidarity.org/

SOA Watch: Thousands gather every November at the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia to call to close the SOA, where 60,000 Latin American officers and soldiers have been trained in counterinsurgency and interrogation to use against their people. Rooted in solidarity with the people of Latin America, SOA Watch change foreign policy year round. SOAW.org

Defending against Attacks on Labor and International Solidarity Activists:
Committee to Stop FBI Repression See page 3 of newsletter. www.stopfbi.net

Campaign for Labor Rights: U.S.-based support for FENSUAGRO, the largest union of farmers, farm workers and aquacultural workers in Colombia. Campaign for solidarity with political prisoners and prisoners of war in prisons “run with the advice and consultation of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.” Free sociologist and trade unionist Liliana (Liliany) Obanda. www.clrlabor.org

Colombia Solidarity: Australian-based. Peace and justice for Colombia, international solidarity and info on persecution of, trade unions, political prisoners, history, news, articles, events, many useful links. colombiasolidarity.net

Accompaniments, More Info:

Witness for Peace, Colombia Program: Actions: contact congress, join a 2011 delegation to Colombian communities. Reports, legislation, action alerts, videos, documentary: “Shoveling Water: War on Drugs, War on People,” and “Colombia: Where U.S. Policy Kills” fact sheet series. witnessforpeace.org

Fellowship of Reconciliation, Colombia Program: Online newsletter, news updates, analysis, actions, U.S. policy and military bases, conscientious objector advocacy, visits and accompaniments to neutral-zone Peace Communities.
www.forcolombia.org

Christian Peacemaker Teams, Colombia: Grassroots initiatives to expose and transform structures of domination and oppression through active nonviolence. Accompaniments for threatened communities. cpt.org

Colombia Journal: Independent reporter Gary Leech maintains an up-to-date web site, rich with information. www.colombiajournal.org.