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The Communist Party of Spain condemns police brutality in Colombia

Violent protests have erupted in Bogotá, Colombia after a man called Javier Ordóñez has been killed in police custody. Javier an attorney and father of two, was pinned to the ground by Colombian police officers, who shocked him repeatedly with a stun gun for more than two minutes. This episode happened shortly after police officers approached Mr. Ordóñez for not wearing a mask in public.

Right after this murder, thousands of Colombians had taken to the streets of the capital and its surroundings in protests against police violence. At least twelve more people were killed, and nearly 400 were injured due to police fire. The outpouring also comes amid years of anger over alleged abuses and murders of FARC members, unions members and social activists after the peace agreement in 2016.

The Communist Party of Spain reports this systemic and callous police repression dictated by the current Colombian national government. We call upon a thorough investigation, and demand that the perpetrators should be brought to justice as soon as possible. This situation demands an international answer, this is why we unambiguously condemn police brutality, and call the international community and the European Union to do the same.

