

Synopsis:

BUENAVENTURA, a silent violence

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Buenaventura is the largest harbour in Colombia. With 846 deaths by homicide and 700 people missing in 2008 according to official figures, Buenaventura is considered to be one of the most dangerous cities in the world after Kabul and Baghdad. Located on the Colombian Pacific coast, Buenaventura is the ground of war between the paramilitaries, the FARC, and the groups of Colombian Army where drugtrafficking and arms trafficking multiplies, from the Barrios and harbour to the Mexican coasts.

Violence is everywhere, political violence, sexual violence, conjugal violence, crime, gangs, killings, torture and executions. Some accounts collected within the morgue of Buenaventura indicate that the average price for a murder is 50,000 pesos, or about 13 euros. The year 2008 was the "calmest" in the last ten years, with only 847 deaths by firearms... approximately 700 missing people...

The population, mainly Afro-Colombian and descendants of slaves, live under the poverty line, 70% of the population is unemployed.

Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) is the only international NGO that intervenes in Buenaventura and provides since November 2007 emergency care to those populations at risk.

Exclusive coverage of the first victims of such violence, the most vulnerable, women and children. « Puerta Adentro », violence behind doors closed, Buenaventura, a silent violence.