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2023		104	Colombia	Sergio Antonio Mosquera

Announcement

Dear Colleagues,

On 13 January 2023, Afro-Colombian historian Sergio Antonio Mosquera announced that he was forced to shut down the only African diasporic center and museum in Colombia, the Fundación Muntú Bantú (Muntú Bantú Foundation, founded in 2009), located in Chocó Department's capital Quibdó, after he – the museum's founder – and María Fernanda Parra – the museum's director – had received death threats from armed groups.

- Please sign the petition of solidarity [here](#).
- Please find below the text of the petition in English and Spanish.

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Solidarity with historian Sergio Antonio Mosquera and Fundación Muntú Bantú

We, scholars based in the United States and throughout the world, sign this letter to express our solidarity with our esteemed colleague and historian Sergio Antonio Mosquera who has recently received death threats from armed groups in Colombia.

A prolific Afro-Colombian historian, Mosquera is the founder of the Fundación Muntú Bantú in Quibdó, Colombia, the country's only African diasporic center and museum. A sacred space, it has served as a central social and educational center for African diasporic history and culture since 2009. On January 13, 2023, Mosquera announced that he was forced to shut down the museum after he and museum director María Fernanda Parra received death threats from armed groups in Quibdó in the

department of Chocó. This is the terrifying reality faced by so many activists and cultural workers throughout the country, especially in the country's Pacific region despite the 2016 peace accords and ongoing efforts by the current administration to negotiate with various armed groups. As a point of reference, on 2022 alone, 216 social movement leaders were murdered in Colombia.

It should also be emphasized that these threats come at a time of growing Afro-Colombian political visibility and representation in public life due to the election of Francia Márquez, the first Afro-Colombian vice-president in the country's history. Márquez herself has been the victim of numerous racist attacks and recent death threats. She has denounced the threats against Mosquera and Parra:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cn48BgVpNHU/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

We condemn these violent threats and intimidation against Mosquera and Parra, and call on the international community to stand in solidarity with our colleagues. #TodosSomosMuntuBantu

In solidarity,

[...]

Nosotros, académicos radicados en los Estados Unidos y en todo el mundo, firmamos esta carta para expresar nuestra solidaridad con nuestro estimado colega e historiador Sergio Antonio Mosquera, quien recientemente recibió amenazas de muerte por parte de grupos armados en Colombia.

Mosquera, un prolífico historiador afrocolombiano, es el fundador de la Fundación Muntú Bantú en Quibdó, Colombia, el único centro y museo de la diáspora africana del país. Un espacio sagrado, ha servido como un centro social y educativo central para la historia y la cultura de la diáspora africana desde 2009. El 13 de enero de 2023, Mosquera anunció que se vio obligado a cerrar el museo después de que él y la directora del museo María Fernanda Parra recibieron amenazas de muerte de grupos armados en Quibdó en el departamento del Chocó. Esta es la aterradora realidad que enfrentan tantos activistas y trabajadores culturales en todo el país, especialmente en la región del Pacífico a pesar de los acuerdos de paz del 2016 y los esfuerzos continuos de la actual administración para negociar con varios grupos armados. Como referencia, solo en 2022, 216 líderes de movimientos sociales fueron asesinados en Colombia.

También se debe enfatizar que estas amenazas se dan en un momento de creciente visibilidad y representación política afrocolombiana en la vida pública debido a la elección de Francia Márquez, la

primera vicepresidenta afrocolombiana en la historia del país. La propia Márquez ha sido víctima de numerosos ataques racistas y recientemente de amenazas de muerte. Ella ha denunciado las amenazas contra Mosquera y Parra:

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Condenamos estas violentas amenazas e intimidaciones contra Mosquera y Parra, y hacemos un llamado a la comunidad internacional para que se solidarice con nuestros colegas.

#TodosSomosMuntuBantú

En solidaridad,

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