



## Nine policemen, more than 20 native and two journalists were killed in Bagua

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Nine policemen, more than twenty native and two journalists were killed today as a result of a clash in Bagua, as reporters unofficially informed of the place.

Minister of Interior, Mercedes Cabanillas, said one of the policemen was killed in the First Technical José Antonio Vilela, while traveling aboard a helicopter of the National Directorate of Special Operations, DINOES, who was attacked with bullets by the natives. The officer of 39 years left on a three orphaned children.

Altogether it was reported that 639 troops are involved in the operation.

Under the emergency situation of confusion that is lived from the early hours of today in Bagua, various unofficial and unconfirmed information, the police director, Gen. Jose Sanchez Farfan confirmed on the morning radio program in Peru, which fell into four troops clash with the natives.

Later in the same medium, the chief of the national police, General Miguel Hidalgo, said that probably are seven policemen died in the face of native protesters in the "Devil's Bend" on the road Fernando Belaunde Terry, Bagua.



Police reports said that police officers were attacked with long-range weapons and four others seriously injured have been transferred from emergency.



### Native leader among the victims

Also, the native leader Bryce Perez, said the chairman of the provincial Condorcanqui struggle, **Santiago Mauin Valera**, died when the police shot "bullets of war" at him, and that there are many injuries and even deaths among the indigenous population and.

According to unofficial information, twenty-one native killed in the tragic event.

Equally, as journalists from the area reported at the closure of this edición, many native and patrolmen from the area were on their way to the local National Police headquarters with the intention of setting it on fire.

A people informing from the area says that villagers protested for the shelling of tear gas made from a helicopter, against the people from “El Reposo”.

## Two journalists

A well known journalist from Bagua Chica, said that two journalists were killed doing their duty to report while another four were detained by police.



Clashes were reported at 201 kilometer of road in the area called the Devil's Bend, located in Bagua Grande, where more than 2,000 natives remain blocking the road for ten days, giving rise to disruption at several locations of northeastern Peru.

Amazonian natives blocked the road as a protest strike by performing for more than 50 days to demand a repeal of a series of legislative decrees considered detrimental, including the DL 1090, which repeal scheduled for yesterday in the discussion full Congress, was again postponed.

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## BAGUA: THE DEVIL'S BEND BECAME AN INFERNO

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At least 34 people, nine of them policemen, have died and more than one hundred were injured when officers forcibly evicted the Indigenous Peruvian from the Jungle who were blocking a highway in the Amazon.

According to the version of AIDSESEP, principal indigenous organization and head of the protests and that last two months, 5 thousand Indigenous Peruvians from the Jungle were blocking the so-called "Devil's Curve" in a place called El Reposo (province of Bagua) when police charged at five in the morning against them.

The Police attacked them from helicopters and from the ground, using live ammunition (War bullets) and tear gas, the evacuation operation lasted nearly all morning, according to several sources.

Subsequently, the unrest spread through the city of Bagua, where demonstrators set fire to several public offices and party Aprista office (ruler), and demonstrations continued this afternoon in the middle of shot to the air and fired tear gas, according to sources at the hospital of the city.

### Slaughter in Bagua



The police accused that the Indigenous Peruvians have used firearms to prevent their eviction, according to the director of the institution, José Sánchez Farfán, nine police officers dead and 45 wounded.

Gen. Sanchez Farfan said the channel N-TV that the clashes occurred after his agents took the hill overlooking the "curve of the Devil ", and about a thousand natives appeared and opened fire.

However, AIDSESEP denied that his followers have firearms and said that the officers were killed by crossfire between the police that were cornering them.

The Medical College of Chachapoyas, in the region where the facts were presented, the station reported that the number of natives killed up to 25.

The Chairman of the Board of Prosecutors of the upper Amazon region, Oswaldo Bautista, said that the Prosecution has not yet set a final number of dead, because they are still coming to the lifting of bodies in three different locations: Bagua Grande Bagua Chica and same road.



Nurse Teresa Romero, the hospital in Bagua Chica, Canal N said that the wounded are 40 "all bullets have been bullets to the body, head, abdomen, because they (the police) wanted to kill the siblings', while it sought help because the hospital is "in total chaos, with beds, the wounded on the floor."

In addition, road blocks and intake of ducts forced to suspend or restrict the pumping of oil and gas, whose main sources are exactly in conflict zones.

Furthermore, the Peruvian Foreign Minister Jose Antonio Garcia Belaunde, invited to resume dialogue

to Amazon natives, but warned that the Government did not repeal the controversial decrees that led to the demonstrations.

The minister contacted Efe to launch the following message: "sit down to talk, there is a huge table set up with indigenous representation, we want to talk, but we do not accept a strike in which he attacks the police," he said.

In addition, the Deputy Minister of Justice Erasmo Reyna, announced that he will denounce all those responsible for the deaths and destruction in Bagua, because "these are not acts of protest, but of destruction, because there were killed, including policemen and innocent civilians.

Native protest since April 9 against a dozen legislative decrees, because they feel violate their right to be consulted on their land, contained in Convention 169 of the International Labor Organization (ILO) concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples and as the UN Declaration on Indigenous Peoples, both signed by Peru.

In view of the natives, are those legislative decrees that violate their rights, including the 1090, Forest Law and Wildlife, whose debate in Congress has been postponed several times, and this has exasperated the natives.

The president Alan García said that after the protests are hidden interest to prevent the development of the country: "That only interest to the powerful oil companies who want to keep other countries as buyers of oil and do not want them to develop their own wealth."

And accused the indigenous leader Alberto Pizango of having "fallen into a delictual behavior. (EFE)

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## 22 native and 7 police killed in clash in Amazon

*Indigenous leader confirms that face arrest warrant*

At least seven policemen and 22 Indigenous people were killed after clashes raised today in the Amazon region, in the strike against the Supreme Decree No. 1090, signed unilaterally by the government of Alan García, directly affecting the indigenous communities of Peru.

The confrontation raised in the jungle area, where the natives, since last April 9 argue against a stay of the rules favoring transnational and affects the dignity of the Peruvian people.

Official sources said that the confrontation began at 5 am in the area known as La Cruz del Diablo, Bagua Chica in the province of Utcubamba, Amazon region.

Alberto Pizango, president of the Interethnic Association for Development of the Peruvian Jungle (AIDSESEP), an organization that brings together indigenous people who are in a pacific strike, said that so far 22 Amazonian natives were killed. Still do not know the total number of Indigenous peruvians from the jungle are injured.

Meanwhile, the National Police confirmed that seven policemen were killed by clashes with the natives who have blocked a stretch of highway Fernando Belaunde Terry.

General José Sánchez Farfán, said that there is an officer who is still missing as well as other injuries. He added that the clash occurred when police tried to control with tear gas hill Devil's Curve.

As is known, the leaders of the blockade on Thursday announced that demonstrators would resume their protest demanding the repeal of Decree 1090, which Congress subsequently postponed the debate over the repeal of the challenged rule.



*Alberto Pizango, president of the Interethnic Association for the Development of the Peruvian Amazon.*

### **PIZANGO WITH DETENTION**

At a press conference, the indigenous leader Alberto Pizango in his capacity as president of the Interethnic Association for Development of the Peruvian Jungle (AIDSESEP), said that the natives were brought about by the National Police. "We were calm until the police began to shot us," he said at a press conference.

At another point he urged the peoples of the jungle area to keep the peace. "I urge calm, I am asking the people calm as they were until yesterday. The people are not armed, what people have with their arrows, they are not armed.

The conference offered in the city of Lima, with voice and slow tone of concern, showed that the aprista government maintains an attitude of retaliation. "I want to say that I am with an arrest warrant. I want to say that my right is violated. The government has violated the Constitution, therefore the government must answer for this murder. "

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