

MEMORIES THAT BLOSSOM: CARMELINA YULE

Carmelina Yule Paví, an indigenous Nasa woman and leader of Tejido Mujer de la Cxhab Wala Kiwe in northern Cauca, was murdered by the Dagoberto Ramos front, a dissident group of the FARC, on March 17, 2024.



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◀ Carmelina Yule Paví,
indigenous Nasa woman,
kiwe thegna and leader
(1962-2024). Illustration
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Carmelina, a fighter for the values and knowledge of her people, was an authority in her community, a weaver and a *kiwe thegna* (indigenous guard). It was precisely in her work as a defender, trying to rescue a child kidnapped by the armed group, that her life was taken from her.

This is one of many cases in which the community, organised and unarmed, has opposed the kidnapping of its sons and daughters.

The crime against Carmelina led the national government to suspend the negotiation process at the time in the department of Cauca. 

Learn more about this story in this video:



<https://youtu.be/Rhi6gKN4ujQ?si=GRfTioAIQb-dYWQaF>

- ▼ We at Tejido Mujer and Codacop have decided to break the silence and raise our voices to call for an end to the war and demand an end to the attacks against women.



- ▲ In a symbolic act of recognition of Carmelina's legacy, we went to her home.

{ Photo report }

► We highlight Carmelina's role as a woman, defender and caretaker of life and the land.

▼ We shared this moment with her family and community, who are also victims.



▲ In this way, we turned their house into a garden.

At the *minga*,
joining hands and efforts,
we plant seeds.



- ▼ With this fence and this garden, we honour the memory of Carmelina and what she represents for the processes of indigenous Nasa women.

Planting this fence was a way to raise our voices in favour of life and for an end to the war.



- ▲ The fence reads: "Those who give their lives for their brothers do not die. Their spirit is always with us."