

General Carlos Fernando Triana
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Members of FEDEPESAN, Yuly Velásquez e.a.

Dear General Fernando Triana,

Members of the FEDEPESAN fishing and environmental association have been trying hard to safeguard Colombian lakes and rivers against pollution and to protect them from instances of corruption which run counter to that aim.

Their initiative has won international acknowledgement, and FEDEPESAN was even awarded the Amnesty International Human Rights Award in 2024.

However, is with great concern that I have learnt of the ongoing harassment, threats, robberies, extortion and even attempted murder by armed groups against members of FEDEPESAN. Many fishermen do not dare to work anymore because they fear for their safety, which means they have no income. So I urge you to take immediate and effective action to protect them and ensure their safety. Please do so through measures in consultation with FEDEPESAN.

Yours sincerely,