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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN COLOMBIA?

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HUMAN RIGHTS

- The Vice President and Minister of foreign Affairs, Marta Lucía Ramírez chaired the XIII High-Level Dialogue on Human Rights between Colombia and the European Union, in which Eamon Gilmore, Special Representative of the European Union for Human Rights, also participated from Brussels.

COOPERATION BY THE UNITED STATES

- The Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs of the United States, Victoria Nuland, announced on February 8, during her meeting with President Iván Duque and the Vice President-Foreign Minister, Marta Lucía Ramirez, a contribution of 8 million dollars more to support the process of comprehensive transformation of the National Police of Colombia.

HUMAN RIGHTS

- The Ministry of Defense, on behalf of the National Government, stated that the official report on Human Rights and the Public Force 2021, presented on February , was possible thanks to the implementation of the Human Rights and National Defense Observatory.
- The Human Rights and Public Force Report 2021, is the first document of its kind in the history of the Defense Sector, in which the actions, results and progress of the Public Force regarding the human rights situation in the country during the period are recorded.
- The Government of Colombia has zero tolerance for the violation of human rights and reiterates that individual facts cannot be generalized to judge an entire institution. Given this, the Ministry of Defense indicated that, in the face of complaints of excessive use of force, in the context of social mobilizations in

2021, the Police initiated 231 disciplinary inquiries; of which, 193 were closed and 38 are in force. Of those closed, 23 were requested and transferred to the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation. Likewise, he said that there is a record of 9 disciplinary sanctions, and that the Attorney General's Office initiated 188 processes: 184 preliminary inquiries and 4 disciplinary investigations.

- To provide a better service to the community, improve the quality of service, strengthen trust with citizens and strengthen its legitimacy, the Government is training 42,000 uniformed members of the National Police in skills related to leadership, conflict resolution, adaptation, decision making, teamwork and critical thinking.

ECONOMIC AND SAFE REACTIVATION

- Colombia's economic recovery during 2021 was "monumental" and exceeded the levels of Latin American and OECD countries, thanks to the response of the Government of President Iván Duque to the covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, "the country is prepared to address the challenges of the future."
- This was stated by the Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Mathias Cormann, when presenting, last year in Paris, the 'Economic Survey on Colombia 2022', prepared by this institution and published within the framework of the tour that President Iván Duque Márquez is carrying out in four countries of the European Union.
- The Colombian President highlighted that the OECD document recognizes the achievement of the reforms undertaken by the Government, such as the Social Investment Law of 2021. "Likewise, the report highlights the achievements that have been achieved in the field of health.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- From the 9th to the 17th of February 2022, President Iván Duque advances a work tour through 4 countries of the European Union (Luxembourg, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands). During the tour, the President seeks to consolidate strategic and friendly relations, diversify the mutual agenda, as well as expose Colombia's efforts and progress to overcome the pandemic, care for the most vulnerable, pave the way to reactivation and ratify democratic values who guide our nation.
- In France. The Colombian Head of State participated in the special session that the Council of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), where he ratified the support that Colombia has given to multilateralism, as one of the tools to achieve solutions to the problems common in the world. Likewise, it attended the public presentation of the OECD's Economic Survey on Colombia 2022, held meetings with the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the International Transport Forum (ITF) and participated in the international Summit 'Un Ocean', with a call to protect the biodiversity of the planet's seas.
- The Vice President and Foreign Minister, Marta Lucía Ramírez, and the US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, met virtually on February 14 at the Ministerial Meeting on the Global Action Plan against Covid-19, proposed by the US Government, where the regional leadership of Colombia in vaccination and the effort to advance in innovative strategies to provide comprehensive care to the migrant population is recognized.
- During the summit, world leaders expressed their interest in adhering to a series of global goals in four areas: vaccinating the world's population by increasing equitable access to vaccines, saving lives by

ensuring the availability of tests and technology, establishing a financing mechanism for health security and holding the world to account around global goals.

- The event was attended by foreign ministers and senior leaders from 14 countries including Canada, France, Germany, the European Union, South Korea, Japan, Australia, South Africa, the African Union, India, Saudi Arabia and Colombia, as the only guest from Latin America, and the Director General of the World Health Organization, Tredos Adhanom Ghebreyesus, in order to coordinate additional capacity, policy, capacity and resources to achieve specific objectives in the global response to COVID-19.
- The United States Department of State invited the Government of Colombia to join the initiative: "Global action plan prioritized by the Covid-19 pandemic for greater commitment", to end the pandemic in 2022 and develop capabilities to deal with future pandemics.

NATIONAL VACCINATION PLAN

- Good news. Colombia has more than 32 million people with its complete immunization scheme against covid-19 and 74.7 million doses applied. A new goal achieved in the National Vaccination Plan of the National Government.
- In this context, Colombia reached 80% of the population vaccinated with one dose against covid-19, close to 70% of inhabitants with two doses and reached more than 7 million reinforcements applied.

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