Luis Adolfo Cardona
Colombian Coca-Cola Unionist

Three trade unionists die every week in Colombia. It is home to the most violence against trade unionists in the world.

Luis Cardona was an employee of the Carepa Coca-Cola bottling plant in Colombia. On December 5th, 1996, Luis witnessed the murder of union leader Isidro Segundo Gil, when paramilitary death squads with ties to the plant manager, shot Mr. Gil dead. The death squads attempted to kidnap Luis, but he was able to escape. The paramilitaries torched the unionist’s headquarters and Coca-Cola management forced all the employees to renounce the union. Luis is now in the United States through an AFL-CIO Solidarity Center program to help protect threatened Colombia unionists by bringing them here for training and internships with US unions.

Death squad activity in Colombia is funded through US military aid to the Colombian government. Come to this event to find out how you can be involved in saying NO to US military aid to Colombia and to say NO to Coca-Cola!

Luis' tour is coordinated through the Colombia Action Network. The Colombia Action Network is organizing a boycott against Coca-Cola for their support of death squads to attack the unionists at their Colombian plant.

The Colombia Action Network is organizing this tour as part of a boycott against Coca-Cola for its support of death squad attacks against the unionists at Coke's Colombian plant. For more information about Luis Adolfo, the Coke boycott, or the Colombia Action Network, contact Tom Burke at 773-583-2749 or info@colombiaactionnetwork.org.

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