



Colombian Caravana UK Lawyers Group

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Colombia: The Legal Profession still under attack

2010 Delegation Report Launch

25th May 2011

**6.30 – 8.30 pm at The Law Society
113 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1PL**

In August 2010, a group of 57 lawyers from across the globe visited Colombia to assess situation facing Colombian human rights lawyers and members of the judiciary. This trip formed part of a commitment made by the first Caravana delegation visit in 2008 to continue to monitor human rights abuses of legal professionals . On 25th May the organisations involved in International Caravana of Jurists will be launching the 2010 delegation's report.

Present at the launch will be representatives of each of the organising bodies: Colombian Caravana UK Lawyers Group, Lawyers Without Borders Canada and ACADEUM - the Colombian umbrella organisation for human rights lawyers.



Caravana Lawyers outside the Palace of Justice, Cucuta, Colombia

We are delighted to welcome two guest speakers of considerable interest from Colombia:

Ivan Velasquez: Colombian Supreme Court Judge who has been co-ordinating the "para-political" investigation

Reinaldo Villalba Vargas: Human rights lawyer from the *Colectivo de Abogados Jose Alvear Restrepo* (CCAJAR) and member of ACADEUM



A Colombian Lawyer accompanying lawyers from the Caravana in a community of internally displaced people

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Caravana Lawyer Sara Chandler with the Defensor del Pueblo in Cali

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