

Annex 3 – Case of the Peoples’ Legal team (*Equipo Jurídico Pueblos*)

On 1 July 2017, lawyer Rommel Durán Castellanos of the Peoples’ Legal Team (*Equipo Jurídico Pueblos - EJP*) and two other human rights defenders were arrested and brutally beaten by the police while they were taking part in a strike against Ecopetrol in the municipality of La Gloria.ⁱ The three defenders were released without charges the following day. The local human rights officer (*personero*) of La Gloria, who was present during the arrest, stated that the use of force by the police against the detainees was proportional, despite the fact that the evidence and witnesses stated the contrary.ⁱⁱ Days after their release the strike continued and the police stated that the EJP would be responsible for what might occur during the protest.ⁱⁱⁱ

ⁱ<https://derechodelpueblo.blogspot.com.es/2017/07/tortura-y-detencion-arbitaria-en.html>;

ⁱⁱ Equipo Jurídico Pueblos “la respuesta estatal a la protesta social, sigue siendo la tortura” 4 July 2017
<https://derechodelpueblo.blogspot.com.es/2017/07/la-respuesta-estatal-la-protesta-social.html>

ⁱⁱⁱ equipo jurídico pueblos, “once días de paro por las comunidades de ayacucho y la mata-cesar sin que Ecopetrol atienda sus peticiones” 8 July 2017
<https://derechodelpueblo.blogspot.com.es/2017/07/once-dias-de-paro-por-las-comunidades.html>