

EXCERPTS FROM THE PRESS ON STATEMENTS MADE BY THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, PROFESSOR JAMES ANAYA (*)

UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR REJECTED VERSIONS OF GENOCIDE (El Comercio, 20 June 2009)

-“(Professor James) Anaya rejected the possibility of genocide in the clashes occurred in Bagua: ‘Genocide means extermination of a group of people and from what I have seen in Peru this is not perceived as that, at least under the international legal definition.’ “

- “(Professor James Anaya) assured that he has confirmed the existence of an environment of change and positive steps in Peru ‘towards an understanding between the Executive and Amazonian communities’ ... In this positive context (Professor Anaya) highlighted the repeal of legislative decrees 1090 and 1064, questioned by the natives, as well as the beginning of a dialogue between communities and the Executive.”

<http://www.elcomercio.com.pe/impresas/notas/relator-especial-onu-rechazo-versiones-sobre-genocidio/20090620/303162>

UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR PROPOSED THE FORMATION OF A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION WITH INTERNATIONAL WATCHERS. (La República, 20 June 2009)

- “(Professor James Anaya) assured that he has confirmed the existence of an environment of change in Peru... ‘The Government has informed me that the state of emergency in the zone of Bagua will be lifted’ ”

- “Anaya proposed the formation of a special commission to investigate the deaths in Bagua. ‘There should be an exhaustive investigation of police operations and the conduct of indigenous peoples. An international entity must participate in this committee as guarantor’ “

<http://www.larepublica.pe/archive/all/larepublica/20090620/5/node/201259/todos/15>

ANAYA DEMANDED AN EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE EVENTS IN BAGUA. (La República, 18 June 2009)

- “(Professor James Anaya) demanded an exhaustive investigation of the events of 5 June in Bagua ... after his meeting with the multiparty congressional commission that is responsible for studying and recommending

solutions to the problems of indigenous peoples. The Rapporteur congratulated the Parliament for having approved the formation of a commission to investigate the events, and explained that during the three days he will remain in our country he will undertake talks with authorities and representatives of indigenous organizations to learn about their real situation.”

<http://www.larepublica.pe/archive/all/larepublica/20090618/3/node/200782/todos/15>

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