Recommendation of the National Human Rights Council regarding the protection of communities in Pará state

On August 8, 2023, the National Human Rights Council (CNDH) sent a recommendation to federal and state authorities regarding measures to protect, promote and defend indigenous peoples and quilombola, riverine, peasant and agro-extractivist populations in Pará state.

This occurred after four Tembé indigenous people suffered attacks on their lives, between August 4 and 7, 2023, in retaliation for their struggle to recover their lands, currently in the hands of Brasil BioFuels (BBF), in Tomé-Açu.

Upon visiting the region, CNDH requested, among other measures: the creation of a crisis management unti by the Office of the General Secretary of the Presidency of the Republic; a change in the police forces charged with public safety in Tomé-Açu and Acará; the creation by FUNAI (National Indigenous Peoples' Foundation) of working groups to demarcate indigenous lands; and that the National Colonization and Agrarian Reform Institute (INCRA) and the Pará Lands Institute (ITERPA) do the same in order to provide quilombolas with deeds of their lands.

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