


22. [41] Video report: The Mayor of Usaquen, municipality located on the outskirts of Bogota, has evicted 5,000 squatters on the grounds that the terrain that they were occupying is unstable. The squatters have requested aid from the city of Bogota. Video shows Usaquen Mayor Emiliano Villafrades making statements, squatters making statements.

23. [42] Live report from northern Bogota: The squatters have set up camp at the intersection of two main streets in northern Bogota.

24. [43] Video report: The ELN's Francisco Javier Castano Front has released dentist and transport company owner Juan Mauricio Velandla, 45, in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, after being in the guerrillas' captivity for 18 months. Magaly Urzola de Rojas, the woman who was kidnapped at the same time as Velandla, was not released. The ELN also released ICA [Associated Civil Engineers] engineers Antonio Espeleta Maga and Hugo Bermúdez Hunez, and banana workers' union leader Emelio Pontanillo Moran, who were kidnapped 8 June on the road between Santa Marta and Fundación, Atlantico Department. Video shows Velandla making statements.

25. [44] Video report: Inhabitants of the municipality of Juan de Acosta, Atlantico Department, marched to protest the kidnapping of Colombian Juan Carlos Higgins Turbay, who has been residing in the United States for the past 18 years. Criminals kidnapped Higgins on the road between Santa Marta and Fundación, Atlantico Department. Video shows Velandla making statements.

26. [45] Live report from the Samaritana Hospital in Bogota: Hospital workers are protesting that they have not received back pay.

27. [46] Video report: The authorities have seized 7,500 iguanas and 45 boa constrictors in Cartagena, which were to be shipped abroad.

28. [47] Video report: Argentine UFO expert Dante Alberto Frank is visiting Colombia and he declares that UFOs are constantly visiting our planet.

29. [48] Video report: The Bogota ombudsman is investigating several teachers for fomenting the students' participation in the recent protest marches.

30. [50] Live report with video: Antioquia Department news. Paramilitaries are controlling the road between Medellin and the Uraba region of Antioquia Department in an attempt to crack down on FARC roadblocks on the highway. Inhabitants of Sonson are calling for Army presence because of repeated guerrilla attacks. Today the electricity transmission company is holding an extraordinary meeting with its shareholders.

31. [50] Live report with video: Maracay Department news. Soccer news. The Ecuadorian defense minister has declared a state of maximum alert over drug trafficking, crime, guerrilla and paramilitary presence in the border area. [Covered by LAP281663929992.]

32. [51] Live report with video: Atlantico Department news. The Army is building shelters in the municipality of Soledad for the families who lost their homes in the windstorm. The departmental government has signed an accord for a sports program with Chinese Government funding.
33. [52] Live report with video: Santander Department news. Families left homeless by heavy rains. Two peasants seriously wounded by landmine in Simij. One ELN guerrilla was killed in an attempted kidnapping in the municipality of Aguachica, southern Cesar Department.

34. [53] Live report with video: Valle del Cauca Department news. Taxi drivers protest security situation. The authorities are looking for the man who left the car bomb that was deactivated.

35. [54] Live report: Bogota local news. The Metropolitan Police will set up more spot checks on the roads. Spot checks have successfully reduced the number of traffic accidents in the city. The Potable Water Regulatory Commission is investigating whether the Aqueduct and Sewers Company of Bogota should lower its prices. Mayor Antanas Mockus is pleased with yesterday’s bicycle day.


39. [65] International news.

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