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Dear Ambassador,

The NASUWT the UK teachers' union is writing to express our serious concern about the murder of the teacher JORGE MANUEL ORTIZ HERNANDEZ employed at "Mina las Delicias de Santa Cruz municipio de Barranco de Loba al sur del departamento de Bolívar" on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June.

According to FECODE, over 1,217 teachers have been murdered in Colombia in the last twenty years. This extraordinary figure exposes the high level of risk attached to teaching and the failure of the authorities to protect those in the profession. The NASUWT is highly concerned that teachers are among those targeted in the shocking wave of political violence which has affected Colombia since the peace agreement was signed in November 2016.

We urgently request that the Colombian government take every necessary measure to capture the killers of Mr Hernandez and to ensure that all teachers can fulfil their social roles free from the threat of violence.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Patrick Roach  
**General Secretary**