

A long silence that leads us to reflection, chronology of the Coronavirus in Colombia

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2020 started normally in our country, we faced the ravages of global warming and the press reported frost in the fields, poor visibility at airports and high temperatures in Bogotá, news from Asia, were not relevant to us, they, they live far away, they are not like us, we are two worlds apart...

Meanwhile in China, the press began the year reporting unknown cases of pneumonia, something strange, a very contagious outbreak, unknown to them and that in a couple of days caused deaths and even reached neighboring countries, the eyes of the world began to look up close to Wuhan, wondering what could have caused such a commotion

By the end of January we listened to what was happening on the other side of the world, they spoke about mortal victims, of a virus that traveled in the air and as countries like the United States, Japan, among others, began with controls at its borders and airports, apparently it was something that only was affecting developing countries, our government did little or almost nothing regarding the rising pandemic that threatened the life and existence of humanity

February came and many people in the world spoke of the coronavirus, in Colombia the headlines made reference to Uber, Aída Merano, the Barranquilla Carnival and very little was said about the deadly Coronavirus, which had already reached the United States and countries in Europe. Colombians living in Wuhan asked the government for help to return to the country. At this time, China's airports were closed and there were restrictions. For the first time, Colombians felt the virus closer than ever. In late February, news from Asia was more recurring, we followed with anguish the case of the luxury cruise "Diamond Princess" and all the cases that were reported.

Colombia started health campaigns, they knew what was coming, the arrival of the virus in the country was imminent, press conferences at the Ministry of Health became more recurring, almost daily, neighboring countries such as Brazil began reporting the first cases of the region, followed by Chile and Ecuador, meanwhile Colombia decided to bring the compatriots who were stranded in Wuhan, the operation "Back Home" was carried out, a media display where everyone wanted to gain prominence, nervousness was high

By March, the United States and European countries prohibit international travelers, declare a national emergency and announce aid funds to combat the effects they may face against a pandemic, this example is followed by Latin countries such as Colombia that closes its borders after announcing its first cases. who entered through El Dorado Airport in Bogotá and who, after mismanagement by the airport center's directives, contributed to a nationwide spread, by March 21 the first death related to coronavirus was confirmed, a taxi driver who picked up a couple of

tourists from Italy at the airport and took them to their hotel, contact was minimal, but the virus was lethal.

Regional authorities announced drastic measures to prevent contagions that were triggered in the country, Bogotá began with a simulation of isolation, an activity that would prepare Colombians for what would be a long isolation, political leaders in the country sought to take the better decisions, after seeing some regional rulers, President Duque decided to act and decreed mandatory quarantine, 19 days of being home, with restrictions on going out.

The quarantine brought social, political and economic changes, affected the daily routine of millions of Colombians, it is the first time that something like this is ordered in Colombia, with such magnitude, fear and uncertainty is the daily feeling, infected people in Colombia are counted by thousands, and apparently the measures are just starting