

# Diego Fernando Murillo Bejarano,

("Don Berna")

Prison, Itagüí

Born : 23 February 1961

**COLOMBIA**

Paramilitary chief



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## Training/education

Childhood and adolescence in southwestern town of Tulúa.

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## Professional experience

**10 October 2005:** Transferred to prison in northwestern town of Itagüí.

**30 September 2005:** Transferred to top-security prison in Cúmbita (northeast of Bogotá).

**2005:** Orders disbanding of AUC.

**27 May 2005:** House arrest in northwestern town of Córdoba but still controls paramilitary United Self-Defence Groups of Colombia (AUC).

**July 2004:** US government announces charges against him for drug-trafficking. Disappears from public view for a year.

**November 2003:** Bogus demobilisation of Bloque Cacique Nutiraba, which enables start of talks with government.

**28 March 2003:** Circulation of AUC blacklist including names of journalists working in eastern province of Arauca.

**2003:** His militia joins the AUC.

**2002:** Founds Bloque Cacique Nutibara. Becomes national supervisor of AUC under the name of Adolfo Paz.

**13 August 1999:** Murder of Jaime Garzón, journalist and satirist for Radionet and *Caracol TV*, ordered by AUC boss Carlos Castaño.

**1999:** Six journalists threatened by AUC flee the country.

**1993:** Murder of druglord Pablo Escobar, boss of Medellín cartel. Becomes AUC strongman in Medellín and Antioquia.

**September 1992:** Founds the underground armed group Los Pepes (los Perseguidos por Pablo Escobar) with brothers Fidel and Carlos Castaño Gil and Rodrigo Doble Cero. Takes the name "Don Berna."

**Early 1990:** Emergence of the AUC to fight the leftist FARC guerrillas.

**1984:** Bodyguard of Fernando ("El Negro") Galeano, an associate of Escobar. Hospitalised after a score-settling attack.

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## Hobbies/interests

Guns, plotting.

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