

FARC leaders visit to Cauca under a new protocol for 'educational visits'

On March 3, the FARC negotiating team travelled to Cauca to update their troops on progress in the peace talks, after establishing with the GOC a new protocol for these 'educational visits'¹. The protocol does not allow any contact with the civilian population or the media, only with the FARC units². The trips will be accompanied by the GOC, the guarantor countries, and the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the dates and places will not be revealed³. The day of the visit to Cauca, the local Armed Forces suspended operations but remained in the area to respond to any emergency, to protect citizens and ensure the security of FARC leaders⁴. After the visit, the GOC declared that the guerrilla had respected the agreed upon rules⁵.

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