

New protocol for 'educational visits' by FARC leaders

After the crisis generated by the recent visit of FARC negotiators to Guajira, the guerrilla leaders returned to Cuba to discuss with the GOC a modification of the protocol that allows the FARC commanders to visit their guerrilla units to share progress made in the peace process¹. Cuba and Norway, the countries acting as guarantors of the peace process, maintained intensive contact with the two sides until an agreement was reached, and tensions were overcome². The FARC had interacted with the civilian population accompanied by several armed men, including at a local school³; for the GOC, it is unacceptable that the FARC mixes politics and weapons⁴.

Creation of a 'Pact for Peace' political bloc

On February 23, President Santos and all political parties agreed to form a political bloc called the Pact for Peace, with the exception of the Centro Democrático party. The aim is for the majority of political parties and movements to make a commitment to end the armed conflict through dialogue and peacebuilding, despite the fact that several parties have stated their opposition to Santos⁵. The idea is to act as a unified bloc in legislative initiatives, particularly on issues related to ending the conflict.

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