

PEACE MAIL

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WEEKLY UPDATE: Implementing the Peace Accords

This callout box includes a weekly update on releases and work specifically related implementing the Final Peace Accord between the Government and the FARC in Colombia.

The **FARC political party members have reported ongoing harassment and threats** throughout the country. On Wednesday, January 24th, FARC reported in the Pacific city of Quibdó, Chocó that members of the “Gulf Clan” paramilitary successor group have been distributing threatening pamphlets and harassing members outside of the party’s political headquarters. Members in various regions of the country have suffered attacks in recent weeks, resulting in direct requests by the FARC to the GoC and the UN to comply with the protection guarantees included in the Final Accord.¹

President Santos suspends peace talks with the ELN

On Monday, January 29th, President Juan Manuel Santos announced the suspension of peace talks with the ELN, until present taking place in Quito, Ecuador. The President cited the lack of internal coherence between the guerrilla’s commitments at the negotiating table and the ongoing attacks taking place throughout the country. In particular, multiple attacks over the weekend in the Coastal city of Barranquilla, claimed on social media by the ELN, left five police officers dead and another five individuals wounded (of whom four were also police officers). For its part, the ELN published on its website that in the absence of a ceasefire, it would continue armed actions.²