

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 **political reintegration and participation of the FARC has met with ongoing security challenges**. On Wednesday, January 31, the Nariño chapter of the political party issued a statement calling for international and national support against threats and assassinations of party members. In addition to other institutions, the communique called on the National Ombudsman's Office to protect the human rights of the party members.¹ The public address came on the heels on the assassination of three members of the FARC by alleged ELN members in the same department.² Since December 2016, 40 excombatants of the organization have been killed.³

Tensions with the ELN continue

Eight days after the attack on a police station in Barranquilla that left five police officers dead, the ELN spoke publicly about the event. Among other comments regarding their disposition to either return to the negotiating table or continue with their "defensive" actions, they offered the following acknowledgement to the families of the victims in Barranquilla: "We understand your pain, by you also have to understand the pain of the families of the dead guerrillas and social leaders."⁴ Following, on February 3rd, the Colombian Army captured one of the ELN leaders (alias, Mico) in the department of Arauca.⁵