

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.

At the end of the year, more than 90% of requests for release by the JEP have been resolved

Eight months after the first amnesties and freedoms granted to members of the FARC under the Havana agreement, the Executive Secretariat of the JEP affirmed that by the end of the year it had resolved the situation of 93% of the demobilized guerrillas and 91% of the members of the Public Forces that asked to be included in the transitional justice system. Of the 3,779 acts signed by the members of the FARC, in which they assumed their commitment to lay down their arms and benefit from the Special Peace Jurisdiction, 3,239 have already received some type of benefit as part of the application of Law 1820 of 2016. Likewise, of the 1,944 uniformed soldiers that were included in the Ministry of Defense's lists to be part of the JEP, 1,180 have already received some type of benefit. More than 770 of the FARC's former combatants were granted amnesties and pardons, which means that they will no longer have to submit to the special justice system when the court and the courtrooms take effect in the coming months; something that the remaining 2,463 ex-guerrillas will have to do in order for the new justice system to resolve their situation according to the seriousness of the crimes attributed to them.¹

ELN says they are in a position to agree a new bilateral ceasefire with the government

The ELN stated that they are in a position to agree on a new bilateral ceasefire with the Santos administration, as part of the peace process being carried out in Quito, Ecuador. The document was addressed to Jean Arnault, head of the UN Verification Mission in Colombia, who had requested an update in December about the possibility of extending the period, which ends on January 9, 2018².

¹ <http://www.eltiempo.com/politica/proceso-de-paz/solicitudes-de-libertad-por-jep-han-sido-resueltas-en-un-90-por-ciento-165476>

² <http://www.eltiempo.com/politica/proceso-de-paz/eln-propone-un-nuevo-cese-al-fuego-bilateral-162556>