

Peacekeepers in Colombia call for halt end to assassinations of social activists



Bogotá, August 20 (RHC)-- Cuba and Norway, countries that have guaranteed the implementation of the Peace Agreement in Colombia, called on the government of the South American country to adopt reinforced measures to stop the killing of former combatants and social leaders.

In a note, they shared the concern of many political actors in Colombia -- governmental and non-governmental, from the United Nations system and the international community -- about the growing number of former FARC combatants killed since the signing of the peace agreement.

Also, social leaders and human rights defenders, adds the text signed by Javier Caamaño Cairo, guarantor for Cuba; and by Jon Otto Brødholt, for the Kingdom of Norway.

The parties assure in the note that this serious situation weakens the peace process and endangers the lives of many Colombians and the implementation of the Agreement reached between the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-People's Army (FARC-EP) and the government of that country, in 2016.

More than 215 ex-guerrillas, who have returned to civilian life, have been killed in Colombia since then. Likewise, in the last few days at least three massacres against young people and minors in the country have generated great consternation and concern because such events put at risk the peace achieved after almost four years of talks in Havana.

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