

# *Congress to examine Colombian mercenary operations around the world*

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**Senators will demand President Duque to apologize to the Haitian people for the participation of national mercenaries in the genocide. | Photo: justiciafuser.com**

Bogota, August 11 (RHC)-- The plenary of the Colombian Senate approved on Tuesday to examine the intervention of former Colombian military in mercenary operations in the world and, in particular, in the assassination of Haiti's president that took place last month, in July.

For this purpose, the ministers of National Defense, Diego Molano Aponte, and of Foreign Affairs, Martha Lucía Ramírez, as well as the Superintendent of Surveillance and Private Security, Orlando Alfonso Clavijo, were summoned to a political control debate.

The officials will have to testify on the measures adopted by the administration of President Iván Duque with the aim of preventing the participation of retired Colombian military personnel in mercenary activities abroad that may threaten the sovereignty of other States.

It was reported that in the next few days, the date of the appearance of the government officials will be announced.

Senator Iván Cepeda, who was the proponent of the debate, announced on his Twitter account that he will send a request to President Duque to "officially apologize to the Haitian people for the participation of national mercenaries in the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse," which took place on July 7th.

In this sense, the Venezuelan Foreign Minister, Jorge Arreaza, affirmed on Tuesday that the mercenary industry is supported and protected by the Colombian State. "Nothing surprises us anymore from the Colombian government. Now they come out in open defense of the mercenaries who assassinated a Head of State, without any modesty," the foreign minister wrote on his Twitter account.

"There are Colombian mercenaries in the Middle East and North Africa. It is a perverse industry sustained and protected by the State," said the head of Venezuelan diplomacy.

For his part, the Venezuelan ambassador to the United Nations, Samuel Moncada, denounced on the same social network that the Colombian mercenaries who assassinated the Haitian president "have at their service the Colombian State and its propaganda apparatus, both with long experience in laundering the reputations of criminals."

Moncada responded in this way after Colombian Foreign Minister Martha Lucía Ramírez revealed that she met with relatives of the ex-military officers detained in Haiti for their responsibility in the assassination, to whom she said: "we will not leave them alone in this process."

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