Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos Calls for New Peace Deal with FARC

Bogota, October 29 (RHC)-- Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos asked the government's chief negotiator with the FARC to return from Havana and meet with opponents of the peace agreement, as well as victims of the 52-year internal conflict, in order to negotiate a new peace that he says is necessary to move forward.

"I have asked the chief negotiator Humberto de la Calle and Peace Commissioner Sergio Jaramillo to return today to inform me of progress with the FARC and to attend this and other meetings," Santos said.

The president said a new agreement is necessary because the cease-fire with the FARC rebels “is fragile” and said that all issues are on the table, while he reiterated that good faith on the part of all parties is key to reaching a peace deal that the country can agree on.

The government and the FARC unveiled a final agreement at the end of August after nearly four years of dialogue in Havana, Cuba, but that breakthrough accord was derailed after Colombian voters unexpectedly and narrowly rejected it by less than half a percentage point in a plebiscite on October 2nd.

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