

Colombian President Sets Deadline for Espionage Probe Results



Bogotá, February 6 (RHC) — Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said on Wednesday that he has set a period of 10 days for an internal investigation of the Army for the alleged illegal monitoring of the negotiating team with the FARC rebels.

Santos said that the investigation should not be difficult since they simply have to verify if the intelligence the military was doing was legal or illegal.

The Colombian president announced on Tuesday that the alleged interception of communications between the delegates was unacceptable and would frustrate the negotiations in Cuba of the government with the FARC, and insisted on the need for a legal inquiry.

Besides the internal investigation of the Army, where two chiefs of military intelligence were removed from their posts, the Prosecutor's office continues to work on the case. District Attorney Eduardo Montealegre said that they will determine if there was an abuse of power.

It is clear that the government knew about the monitoring before the release of Semana magazine because 11 days ago, the Prosecutor's office confiscated several computers in Bogotá.

The head negotiator in Havana of the FARC rebels, Ivan Marquez, said former President Alvaro Uribe is involved in the monitoring of the negotiators of the government, and he was sure that the guerrilla delegation in Havana is also the target of espionage.

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