

# *FARC demands Colombian president provide security for ex-rebels*

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Bogota, December 17 (RHC)-- In Colombia, the Common Revolutionary Alternative Force (FARC) party sent a letter to President Iván Duque, in which they demanded the implementation of the Peace Agreement and specifically the third point on security for communities and ex-combatants in the process of reinstatement.

The letter was sent after the murder of ex-combatant Manuel González (aka Jair Cartagena), who was shot near the Román Ruiz regrouping zone, a crime that generated fear in the community. "Given this, the community of ex-rebels who are advancing their reinstatement process are currently in distress and they believe that these events are a clear message of intimidation to move," the FARC said.

The FARC has asked the United Nations High Commissioner to ensure that the government complies with the internal standards that it promised to respect, and the embassies that convene an emergency meeting where the necessary measures are taken to address these risk situations.

Repeatedly, the FARC has denounced the

lack of security guarantees for the 7,000 combatants who laid down their weapons under the supervision of the United Nations, with the peace agreement of November 2016. Since then, more than 170 ex-combatants have been killed in Colombia.



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