

Colombian Navy Seizes Huge Rebel Arsenal



Bogota, July 1 (Xinhua-RHC) -- Colombia's navy has seized more than 1.37 tons of explosives and 1,500 anti-personnel mines stockpiled by the country's armed rebels, the navy reported Monday.

According to the navy, the cache belongs to the 32nd front of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and was discovered in the jungles of the country's southern Caqueta department.

"It could be the largest cache of explosives found this year," the navy said, adding it had destroyed the arsenal on site.

Navy spokesmen said that given information provided by a member of the rebel group, "naval military intelligence followed up for two months, succeeding in locating the hidden cache in a jungle region."

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos has made peace talks with the FARC his priority after being reelected in mid-June, but no cease-fire agreement has been reached to date.

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