

Cease-fire Deal Appearing Near in Colombian Government-FARC Peace Talks in Havana



Havana, April 11 (RHC-teleSUR), -- After more than three years of negotiations with the Colombian government, FARC rebels are hopeful that a final bilateral cease-fire deal will be sealed in the "coming days" after making crucial progress in the peace talks in Havana, Cuba, leaders announced Sunday.

"We have had important advances," said FARC commander Carlos Antonio Lozada in a press conference on Sunday. "We are working with respect to the cease-fire and specifically on the characteristic of the encampment areas."

The question of the terms of the bilateral cease-fire has been a key issue on the agenda in the final stages of the negotiations and a key piece of the puzzle to put in place in order to make way for a definitive end to 50 years of internal armed conflict.

Lozada also stressed that the issue of the FARC disarmament, another outstanding item on the peace agenda, will require commitments from both sides at the negotiating table.

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