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Assassinations & Violent Clashes Plague Colombia

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Colombian government forces have been involved in increasing amounts of conflicts against rebels from the communist-aligned militant group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia (FARC). The country, already politically fragmented and highly polarized following its closer cooperation with NATO and the United States in the face of the recent war, has seen an uptick in guerilla activity from cells claiming allegiance to the communist movement.

FARC, established in 1964 as part of a long-standing struggle in the beleaguered Latin American nation. FARC was one of the largest of these groups seeking dominance over the politically fractured Colombian state. Their military activities ceased in 2017, but have reemerged in recent times in response to growing unrest regarding the Bogotá government, particularly its increasingly close cooperation with Western powers, even at the expense of citizens. This comes on the heels of major initiatives to this end by the government, including joining American-led



sanctions against China and accepting a multi-billion dollar military arms package.

Most recently and notably, FARC has claimed responsibility for the disappearances and assumed deaths of key congressmen that swung the impeachment vote of president La Cruz in favor of not guilty.

Rebel groups like FARC have long-standing ties with cartels and are known for the production and distribution of illegal drugs such as cocaine, which funnels northwards into the United States and exacerbates drug issues.

During a press release, a self proclaimed “Líder Rebelde”, or rebel leader, claimed that the FARC was “bigger than anyone could imagine now” with “deep ties to the military and top politicians”. He finished his anonymous interview with a terrifying set of words “Sólo espera y mira”. “Just wait and see”

Pentagon officials have commented that they are ‘closely monitoring’ the situation developing in Columbia, but did not offer any further clarification or comment.