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## Politicians, journalists and ultra-right military orchestrate coup against President Petro



**Sources:** Rebellion - Image: Semana magazine reporting unrest in the military forces. *In Colombia, a profound transition is underway involving various facets of the social, political, economic and cultural system.* 

With the exercise and presence of the government of President Gustavo Petro and the Historical Pact, new realities and institutions are emerging that coexist with the old forms and instruments of oligarchic power that refuses to die and withdraw from the political scene, offering resistance and sabotage to block new institutions and processes of change. The magazine *Semana*, of recognized neo-Nazi inclination, has drawn, in its edition of January 14, 2023, a coup plotter, with moves of the high officers of the Armed Forces with meetings, debates, positions, stratagems and proposals to destabilize the government of President Petro as a result of the recent developments of the total peace strategy

(See: <u>Tension in the troops: SEMANA uncovers the concerns and disagreements of the</u> <u>Armed Forces for the bilateral ceasefire of the Petro Government</u>) which, in its most recent advance, has established a temporary and national bilateral ceasefire with several guerrilla organizations and other criminal structures related to paramilitarism and drug trafficking.

Undoubtedly, the bilateral ceasefire is the measure with the greatest strategic impact in the eradication of violence, with humanitarian actions to guarantee the right to life of the most vulnerable populations in those territories where pressure and brutality are cruel to Afro, indigenous and peasant communities. as in Bajo Calima, Docordó, Medio Baudó, Tumaco, Arauca and Putumayo.

The request for the lifting of the arrest warrants against the members of the Urabeños and Pachencas is another disagreement between the president and the Attorney General's Office, and another focus of sabotage, at the head of a well-known record of the ultra-right uribista, determined to put obstacles in the wheel of total peace, as we have been able to observe with the case of the freedom of the members of the First Line. imprisoned with judicial set-ups of the Prosecutor's Office, the police, the army and corrupt judges that proliferate in the offices of the judiciary, supposedly independent.

The military officers, linked to former fascist General Eduardo Zapateiro – and of course to Uribe Velez - related to massacres, embezzlement and the extermination of social leaders and reincorporated FARC, according to Semana, are meeting and organizing on social networks to massify the blockade of the bilateral ceasefire with offensive actions in the territories where the guerrilla resistance is present. La Fudra Omega, (in Yari, Caquetá, Meta and Guaviare), and the Third Division of the army, in Cauca, commanded by General John Jairo Rojas, a fanatic of the ultra-right neo-Nazi uribista, compadre of Zapateiro and former general Leonardo Barrero (former Uribista candidate for governor of Cauca and recognized ally of the drug mafias), They are the two most important military blocs responsible for sabotaging the bilateral ceasefire. The Fudra Omega is a direct appendix of the Southern Command of the United States, responsible for the deforestation of the Amazon rainforest, since army officers of this war structure have enriched themselves by criminally authorizing the deforestation of the Tinigua, Macarena, Lindosa and Chiribiquete Natural Parks, despite being in charge of the Artemisa Plan to protect the Amazon, which has been an absolute failure leading to its suspension by the Minister of the Environment.

The army's Third Division, with a presence in Cauca and southwestern Colombia, is part

of the cocaine trafficking networks through Naya, Buenaventura, Guapi, Timbiquí, Gorgona, Iscuandé, Tumaco and the Pacific. Officers of this military unit are directly involved in the drug trade to Central America, Mexico and the United States. Undoubtedly, the bilateral cessation is a transcendental step in the construction of total peace that requires the full support of civil society, both nationally and regionally. In this sense, it is a priority to adopt the corresponding protocols that hopefully will not repeat the schemes agreed with Timochenko's FARC, because they implied the destruction of the revolutionary guerrilla resistance in a process controlled by the neoliberal peace scheme of Santismo.

En ese sentido, la participación de las comunidades es crucial, mediante la conformación de veedurías y comités de control social del cese bilateral del fuego para denunciar oportunamente el sabotaje y la acción criminal de los militares y de los políticos corruptos que como en el caso del departamento del Meta, es notoria en la acción contra la paz del actual gobernador de ese departamento, el señor Zuluaga, jefe de la corrupción en Villavicencio y socio de los paramilitares organizados en los Puntilleros y el Bloque Meta, de acuerdo con las denuncias de varias organizaciones de derechos humanos. El presidente Gustavo Petro debe perseverar en sus acciones para alcanzar la paz total. Todos debemos respaldar cada uno de sus pasos, a pesar de algunos tropiezos, que se pueden subsanar, como se ha previsto para la reunión que la delegación del Eln en la mesa de negociaciones que esta funcionando en Caracas. Los desencuentros y los malos entendidos no deben afectar la agenda establecida con dicha organización

We must be alert to all these coup moves of the extreme right that is already announcing truckers' strikes and other illegal activities to destroy the progressive government of the Historical Pact.

It requires that the social movement be organized and set in motion, because it is the only way to stop this entire coup route that, without a doubt, is supported and financed by the government of the United States.

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