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Colombia

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- Peace talks in Colombia aim to provide reparations for victims of violence and groups who have lost agricultural land.
- Skepticism of the peace talks and local support for the FARC hinders progress.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/16/us-colombia-election-idUSBREA2F03Z20140316>

Colombia alleges Venezuela complicit in genocide

- Colombia alleges former Venezuelan President Chavez supported FARC guerrillas.
- Colombia to file charges of genocide against Chavez.
- Report underscores tensions between Colombia and Venezuela and ongoing border insecurity in the region.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2008/03/04/us-venezuela-colombia-genocide-idUSN0445926220080304>

Death squads in Colombia

- Violence against Afro-Colombians in Buenaventura includes kidnapping, killing and intimidation.
- Many victims are buried in shallow graves or in mangrove swamps.
- Source: Huffington Post

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dan-kovalik/death-squads-colombia_b_5021244.html

“The war-torn region of Cauca remains off limits for most Colombians. Violence can flare at any time, forcing villagers to hide and dodge bullets and the rebels’ homemade cylinder bombs.”
