

Road to peace for Colombia's FARC

The most powerful and oldest guerrilla group in Latin America has re-launched itself as a political party. However, Colombia's *Fuerza Alternativa Revolucionaria del Común* will still be known as FARC



1964: Rebel leader **Manuel Marulanda** – alias **Tirofijo** – establishes **Revolutionary**

Armed Forces of Colombia, known as **FARC**

2008: FARC leader Tirofijo dies of natural causes



2011: FARC leader **Guillermo Saenz** – alias **Alfonso Cano** (above left) – killed, replaced by **Rodrigo Londoño** – also known as **Timoleon Jimenez** or **Timochemko** (above right)

Aug 24, 2016: Santos government and FARC announce peace accord

Oct: President Santos awarded Nobel Peace Prize



1982-87: Peace talks with government of **President Belisario Betancur** fail

1998-2002: Peace effort led by **President Andres Pastrana** breaks down



2010: FARC's top military strategist **Jorge Briceño** – alias **Mono Jojoy** (above left) – killed in air strike. **President Juan Manuel Santos** (above right) takes office

2012: FARC renounces kidnapping for extortion and frees all army officers in captivity. President Santos announces peace talks with FARC. They begin in Oslo, Norway, and later move to Havana, Cuba

Mar 2017: FARC begins process of disarmament

Jun 27: FARC officially ceases to exist as rebel group and transitions to civil and political life.

Peace deal ends 53 years of conflict that claimed more than 220,000 lives and displaced nearly 7 million people from their homes