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FARC murders bear the hallmark of the IRA



Sinn Fein/IRA members arrested in Colombia

Recently, sixty Colombians were killed in a mortar attack by FARC rebels. The incident is likely to put pressure on Sinn Fein, despite their advances in the recent elections in Eire, because the IRA has been blamed for teaching FARC terrorists how to use mortars.

Security sources claim the attack was part of a struggle by the "Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia", to retain control of a lucrative cocaine-producing region in the face of opposition from the drug cartels. The terrorists were battling to control access to the Atrato River, which runs through the town of Bojaya and is a route for the

movement of drugs and weapons.

At least 60 people who had sheltered from the fighting in a church in Bojaya died and a further 93 were injured. Jorge Caicedo, a local government spokesman, described the killings as a national tragedy. For several days before the attack, FARC terrorists had been fighting rivals in the dense jungle surrounding the town. Caicedo said the 60 people killed were civilians.

The terrorists used cooking-gas canisters packed with explosives as mortar shells, a method security sources believe was taught to them by the IRA.