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On Jan. 29, military spokesesons in Bogota said army troops killed 11 rebels pertaining to the Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces (FARC) during a battle which took place in the mountains near the town of Simacota, Santander department. Unnamed sources cited by AFP at the 5th Brigade in the city of Bucaramanga said one soldier was killed and two others wounded. The troops seized ammunition, dynamite, fuses, several rifles, pistols, grenades and propaganda. The sources at the 5th Brigade also said the FARC had taken children from peasants in the region. (Basic data from AFP, 01/29/89)

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