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**Colombia's minister of defense resigns after killings**

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Bogota, November 7 (RHC)-- Colombian Defense Minister Guillermo Botero resigned his position on Wednesday, amid controversy over an Army bombing where eight minors were killed. The incident was hidden for months and presented as an operation in which FARC-EP dissidents died, who recently returned to arms.

Botero's resignation occurs before he became the first minister of the country's history to be removed by Congress for a motion of censure against him for violence in Cauca, which would have been voted on next week.

On Wednesday, Botero met with President Iván Duque to analyze his situation, after which he presented his resignation letter. "It is my duty as Minister of Defense to have an adequate reading of the political situation, so I have decided to resign from the position of Minister," says the text.

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