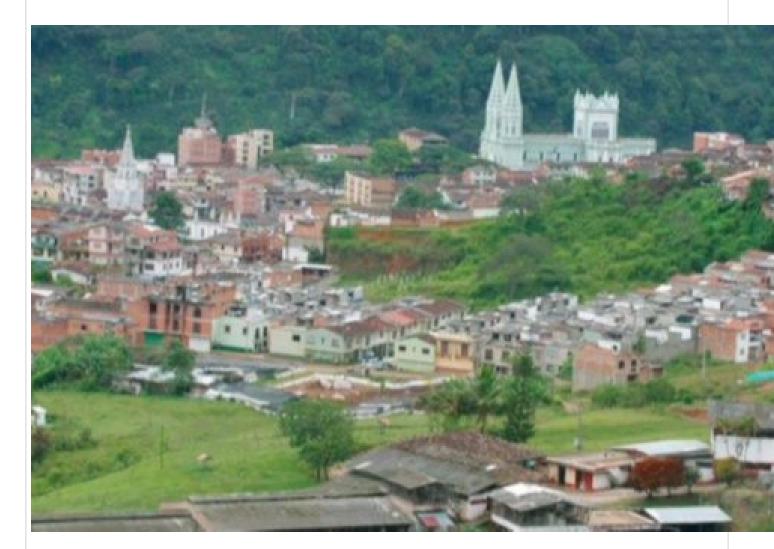
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Bogota, April 27 (RHC)-- In Colombia, a new massacre, with a toll of three people dead, was reported this Monday in the department of Antioquia, as part of the wave of political violence that shakes the South American country.

Authorities are investigating the events that took place in the village of El Guamal in the municipality of Sonsón, and among the people killed was a 13 year old minor. According to the Mayor's Office, this event would be related to a confrontation over the micro-trafficking business in the area. The victims were

identified as Yulieth Natalia Díaz Carmona, 26 years old; Julián Vanegas Marulanda, 23 years old; and Michel Daiana Sánchez Díaz, 13 years old.

Authorities in this municipality blame criminal gangs and paramilitary groups fighting over the territory for the incident. According to the preliminary report, the facts would have occurred around 21H40 (01H40 Monday) of this Sunday and, according to the inspection carried out by the judicial authorities, the victims have firearm wounds.

The police report indicates that two of the persons died in the facilities of the ESE Hospital San Juan de Dios of that locality.

For their part, the investigative agencies are moving forward with actions to find those responsible for this massacre, which is added to the one that occurred in the municipality of Andes, in southwestern Antioquia, where five people were killed on a coffee farm.

According to the authorities, both massacres are related to the dispute over illegal rents between organized armed groups that commit crimes in these regions of the department.

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