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The attack occurred outside a public establishment in the El Santuario neighborhood, south of Barranquilla, when a group of assassins arrived on a motorcycle and one of them began to shoot indiscriminately, local sources reported.

Indepaz said the victims were identified as Reinaldo José Orozco Picalúa, who was a patrolman of the Barranquilla Metropolitan Police, Javier Andrés Guevara Correa, Ever José Lizama Melgarejo and Ronald José Zabala Sarmiento.

According to witnesses, the four victims died on the spot, while six other people were also injured, the Colombian institute added.

This is the eleventh massacre so far this year; as of January 30, 2023, massacres in Colombia have claimed the lives of 34 people, according to Indepaz data.

Last year, the institute recorded a total of 92 massacres in the South American country, with 300 victims up to December 31, 2022.

In 2022, there were 179 leaders killed, 70,267 victims of displacement; 37 peace signatories were killed, and 58 people were victims of landmines, according to Indepaz.

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