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Colombia: Amnesty International condemns Buenaventura car bomb attack

Amnesty International has condemned the car bomb attack which left at least nine people dead and dozens injured in the port city of Buenaventura in south west Colombia on 24 March.

The car bomb, which the authorities have attributed to the guerrilla group the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), exploded next to a building used by the Office of the Attorney General and near to the mayor's office.

Amnesty International said that in setting off an explosive device in the centre of the city, with the high risk to civilian life that this entails, those responsible have shown a complete disregard for international humanitarian law.

The organization called on the Colombian authorities to immediately carry out an impartial and exhaustive investigation in order to bring those responsible to justice.

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