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On Jan. 18, 13 people were killed and two persons seriously injured in an ambush in the northeastern department of Santander. All were members of a court commission. The dead included two judges, two court stenographers, seven police officers and two drivers. Police told reporters that the attack, which occurred near the port of Barrancabermeja, 300 km. north of Bogota, was believed to have been perpetrated by guerrillas pertaining to the Revolutionary Armed forces of Colombia (FARC). The commission was engaged in an investigation of several assassinations of trade union leaders and politicians. Most of the assassination victims were members of the leftist coalition party, the Union Patriótica. FARC was known to be active in the region, as well as rightwing paramilitary groups suspected of having murdered the UP members. (Basic data from AFP, DPA, 01/18/89)

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