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On Oct. 25, spokespersons for the Colombian army's 2nd division reported that about 100 National Liberation Army (ELN) guerrillas raided Cachira and La Vega, towns in Norte de Santander department, and killed at least six people, and injured seven others. The guerrillas destroyed a police station with mortar shells and fired on police officers with automatic weapons. On Oct. 26, the Venezuelan Defense Ministry reported that five Venezuelan soldiers died when a mine blew their vehicle apart near the Colombian border. Colombian guerrillas were blamed for the incident. An earlier report by the state-run Venpres news agency said the guerrillas pertained to the ELN. The Defense Ministry did not confirm the identify of the rebels. (Basic data from AP, AFP, 10/26/89)

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