ISS GLOBAL / INCIDENT REPORT

Planadas: civilians and hospital hit

Colombia incident series · Report 1 of 5

REPORTING / REVIEW WINDOW
Incident: 1 Nov; response reviewed through 24 Nov 2026.

ISSUE DATE
2026-11-24

An explosive attack killed civilians and damaged the medical capacity needed to care for survivors. Its aftermath extends beyond the immediate scene.

Report 1 of 5 in the Colombia series. The 1 November 2026 attack at Planadas is selected for its civilian toll, extensive housing damage and disruption of hospital services, supported by official humanitarian and health records. [1][2][3]

This brief separates the event, later casualty reporting and recovery measures. It also distinguishes attributed mechanism and responsibility claims from independently established forensic findings. Review cutoff: 24 November 2026, 11:56 GMT.

01 / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What happened and its threat significance

COUNTRY	WHERE	WHEN
Colombia	Planadas, Tolima. Residential sectors and the municipal hospital. [1][2]	1 November 2026, about 21:45 Colombia time (2 November, 02:45 GMT), according to the departmental account. [1]

What happened

Official preliminary reporting records 4 people killed, 18 injured and 177 homes affected after explosive attacks. Defensoría records serious hospital damage, including pharmacy destruction. Subsequent health statements document temporary care and recovery measures. [1][2][4][5]

Threat significance

ISS Global assessment. The incident combined civilian casualties with a loss of healthcare capacity. That creates a wider consequence than building damage alone and makes service continuity an essential part of the incident record.

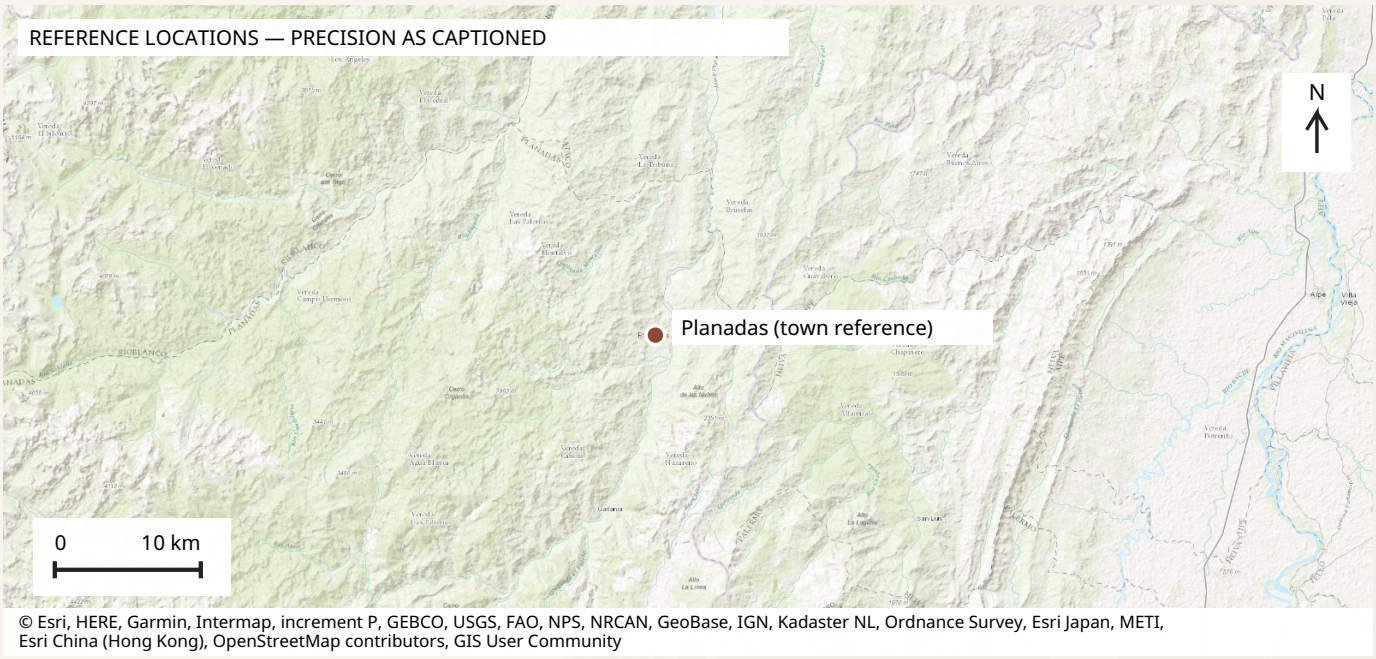
> EXECUTIVE JUDGEMENT
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> Prioritise a source-linked account of human harm and medical-service disruption. Keep each dated casualty balance, damage assessment and restoration milestone distinct from allegations about responsibility and attack mechanism.

02 / LOCATION ATLAS

Planadas within southern Tolima



Regional context; 200 km scale. Planadas town reference only, not an impact point. [8][9]



Local context; 10 km scale. Planadas town reference only, not an impact point. [8][9]

The marker identifies the municipal seat in southern Tolima: 3.19698° N, 75.64506° W. It is not the municipality's administrative centroid or a geolocated residence. No launch sites, routes or military positions are shown. [8]

EPSG:4326 input; EPSG:3857 display. Acquired 24 November 2026. © 2026 Esri and its licensors; provider credits retained. [9][10]

03 / INCIDENT AND RESPONSE TIMELINE

An attack followed by a healthcare emergency

The attack occurred on 1 November. Its consequences and the health response were documented over subsequent days. These dates describe one incident and its aftermath, not a series of new attacks. [1][4][5]

1 NOV 2026

Explosive attack

The departmental account places detonations at about 21:45 Colombia time (02:45 GMT on 2 November). Residential areas and medical infrastructure were affected. [1][2]

2–3 NOV 2026

Casualty and damage reporting

The Governor’s preliminary balance recorded 4 deaths, 18 injuries and 177 affected homes. DNBC also reported 4 deaths and 18 injuries. [1][3]

5 NOV 2026

National health support

MinSalud described medicine and supply deliveries, temporary-care support and mental-health work. [4]

9 NOV 2026

Mobile-care update

Tolima’s health authority documented outpatient services at Polideportivo 9 de Febrero, with referrals for more complex care. [5]

Working casualty record

Early television reporting gave 17 injuries. The later official working figure of 18 is used here, with its preliminary status retained. Neither the count nor the 177 affected homes is represented as a final audited census; “affected” does not mean “destroyed”. [1][3][7]

04 / ATTRIBUTED IMAGE RECORD

Physical damage and the recovery response



Plate 1. Damaged buildings and rubble in the Planadas aftermath. Cuerpo de Bomberos Voluntarios de Planadas, DNBC page updated 3 November 2026. Full supplied frame retained; original capture timestamp not verified. [3]



Plate 2. Temporary medical infrastructure in a covered sports facility. Gobernación del Tolima / Secretaría de Salud, published 9 November 2026 as its Planadas mobile-hospital update. This shows response infrastructure, not complete restoration of original services. [5]

The main scene image supports broad observations of building damage and debris. It does not identify explosive composition, quantity, activation or responsibility. The second image records a distinct recovery phase; it is not another view of the attack.

05 / FINDINGS AND INVESTIGATIVE SIGNIFICANCE

Keep the harm, mechanism and attribution distinct

ISSUE	SUPPORTED ACCOUNT AND LIMIT
Civilian harm	Four deaths and 18 injuries were reported in official preliminary balances. Defensoría identifies a two-month-old infant among those killed. [1][2][3]
Healthcare capacity	Defensoría records severe hospital damage and pharmacy destruction. Later health updates document temporary services; continuity does not mean every prior service was restored. [2][4][5]
Mechanism	Early media used vehicle-bomb and drone descriptions. The Defence Ministry's retrieved account describes explosive projectiles. These accounts should not be collapsed into a confirmed vehicle-borne bomb reconstruction. [6][7]
Responsibility	The departmental government alleged participation by Ismael Ruiz and Gerónimo Galeano structures. The Ministry's retrieved account names Gerónimo Galeano. These remain attributed allegations, not a judicial determination. [1][6]

ISS Global assessment. The principal consequence is the combination of immediate civilian harm and reduced healthcare capacity during an emergency. Preserve a distinct record for the attack, each casualty update, damage assessment and service-restoration milestone. A shared date or explosive label does not establish a common perpetrator with other Colombian incidents.

For Dfuze, retain the source, publication date, original terminology and evidential status behind each linked statement or image. A public narrative is not a forensic examination, and an announced recovery measure is not a completed restoration finding.

Evidence cutoff: 24 November 2026, 11:56 GMT. No original scene examination, laboratory result, verified device inventory, audited victim register or judicial finding was obtained. The latest directly reviewed service update is dated 9 November; full service restoration by 24 November is not established.

SOURCE REGISTER

Sources 01–05

Source families and access limits are recorded below. Repetition of a statement is not independent proof.

01 “Lo de Planadas es terrorismo puro y duro de las mafias de la minería ilegal y la droga, que se disfrazan con brazaletes de revolucionarios”: gobernadora Adriana Matiz

Gobernación del Tolima · 2 November 2026

Family: Departmental official incident account · Full Spanish text read 24 November 2026. Preliminary 4 deaths/18 injuries/177 affected homes and 21:45 local time. Group attribution is an allegation, not a judicial finding. English paraphrase by ISS Global.

https://tolima.gov.co/noticias/noticias-de-la-secretaria-de-convivencia-seguridad-y-orden-publico/10294-lo-de-planadas-es-terrorismo-puro-y-duro-de-las-mafias-de-la-mineria-ilegal-y-la-droga-que-se-disfrazan-con-brazaletes-de-revolucionarios-gobernadora-adriana-matiz

02 Solicitamos atención urgente a las víctimas y recuperación del hospital de Planadas, Tolima, tras ataque con explosivos

Defensoría del Pueblo de Colombia · 2 November 2026

Family: Original national human-rights statement · Full Spanish statement read via web reader 24 November 2026; direct download returned 500. Records infant death and pharmacy destruction. Its humanitarian-law assessment is not presented here as a court judgment.

https://www.defensoria.gov.co/web/guest/w/solicitamos-atencion-urgente-a-las-victimas-y-recuperacion-del-hospital-de-planadas-tolima-tras-ataque-con-explosivos

03 Ataques con explosivos en Planadas, Tolima, dejan cuatro personas fallecidas y 18 heridas

Dirección Nacional de Bomberos de Colombia (DNBC) · Updated 3 November 2026

Family: Local fire service account published by DNBC · Full Spanish article and original image bytes read 24 November 2026. Credits Cuerpo de Bomberos Voluntarios de Planadas. Explicit 1 November event date preferred over relative “previous night” wording. Not an independent medical audit.

https://dnbc.gov.co/ataques-con-explosivos-en-planadas-tolima-dejan-cuatro-personas-fallecidas-y-18-heridas/

04 MinSalud refuerza atención en Planadas tras ataque al hospital

Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social · 5 November 2026; Boletín 164-2026

Family: National health-response statement · Full Spanish text retrieved/read 24 November 2026. Describes medicines, temporary care, mental-health support and infrastructure recovery. Support commitments are distinct from completed restoration.

https://www.minsalud.gov.co/Comunicaciones/noticias/2026/Paginas/MinSalud-refuerza-atencion-en-Planadas-tras-ataque-al-hospital.aspx

05 Hospital itinerante de Planadas mantiene la atención mientras avanzan las acciones de recuperación hospitalaria

Gobernación del Tolima / **Secretaría de Salud** · 9 November 2026

Family: Departmental health-service update · Full Spanish text and image retrieved/read 24 November 2026. Documents outpatient care at Polideportivo 9 de Febrero and referrals. Does not establish full restoration of every original hospital service by 24 November.

https://tolima.gov.co/noticias/noticias-secretaria-de-salud/10318-hospital-itinerante-de-planadas-mantiene-la-atencion-mientras-avanzan-las-acciones-de-recuperacion-hospitalaria

SOURCE REGISTER

Sources 06–10

Source families and access limits are recorded below. Repetition of a statement is not independent proof.

06 Se intensifica ofensiva militar y asistencia humanitaria, tras ataque terrorista en Planadas, Tolima

Ministerio de Defensa Nacional · 2 November 2026

Family: Original Defence Ministry account, limited access · Indexed Spanish opening/numbered sections read 24 November 2026. Direct/web opening showed JavaScript shell. Attributed projectile account and alleged group link used only within retrieved scope; technical delivery/configuration details omitted.

https://www.mindefensa.gov.co/prensa/noticia-visualizacion/ofensiva-militar-asistencia-humanitaria-ataque-planadas-tolima

07 Atentado con explosivos en Planadas, Tolima, dejó cuatro muertos, entre ellos un bebé de dos meses

Noticias Caracol / **Heidy Alejandra Carreño Beltrán** · 2 November 2026

Family: Original early television-news reporting · Full relevant Spanish text read 24 November 2026. Early 17 injuries and vehicle/drone descriptions kept separate from later official 18 injury balance and Ministry mechanism account. Composite screenshot examined but not reproduced.

https://www.noticiascaracol.com/colombia/atentado-con-explosivos-en-planadas-tolima-dejo-cuatro-muertos-entre-ellos-una-bebe-de-dos-meses-rg10

08 Planadas — GeoNameId 3672077

GeoNames · Current entry consulted 24 November 2026

Family: Geographic town reference · 3.19698° N, 75.64506° W, municipal seat in Tolima. Distinct from ADM 2 centroid 3672078 and similarly named places. Town hierarchy/location corroborated with separate OSM-derived town location and official incident reports.

https://www.geonames.org/3672077/planadas.html

09 World Topographic Map — service metadata and static exports

Esri / **ArcGIS** · Acquired 24 November 2026

Family: Primary basemap service · 1600×760 exports, actual returned EPSG:3857 extent, north, attribution and WGS84 scale checks retained. Context markers are not impact coordinates.

https://services.arcgisonline.com/ArcGIS/rest/services/World_Topo_Map/MapServer

10 Terms of use for static maps

Esri · Current terms read 24 November 2026

Family: Primary provider terms · Report-use and attribution provisions reviewed. © 2026 Esri and licensors; provider credits retained. Separate photographs retain their own source rights.

https://doc.esri.com/en/arcgis-online/latest/reference/static-maps.html