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## **Condemnation of attack on RCN in Cali**

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The Office in Colombia of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights condemns the car bombing attack on RCN radio on Sunday, February 20 in the city of Cali. Two people were wounded in the attack: Ricardo Luna, an operator at Radio Calidad, and Jaime Alberto Martínez, a security guard at RCN.

In condemning this act, which constitutes an attack on freedom of the press and the right to information in Colombia, the Office urges the competent authorities to carry out a prompt and efficient investigation in order to permit the trial and punishment of those responsible.

The Office issues a reminder that freedom of the press and the right to information are fundamental pillars of a democracy.

The Office expresses its solidarity with the families of the wounded, with RCN and the professional journalists' associations in Colombia.