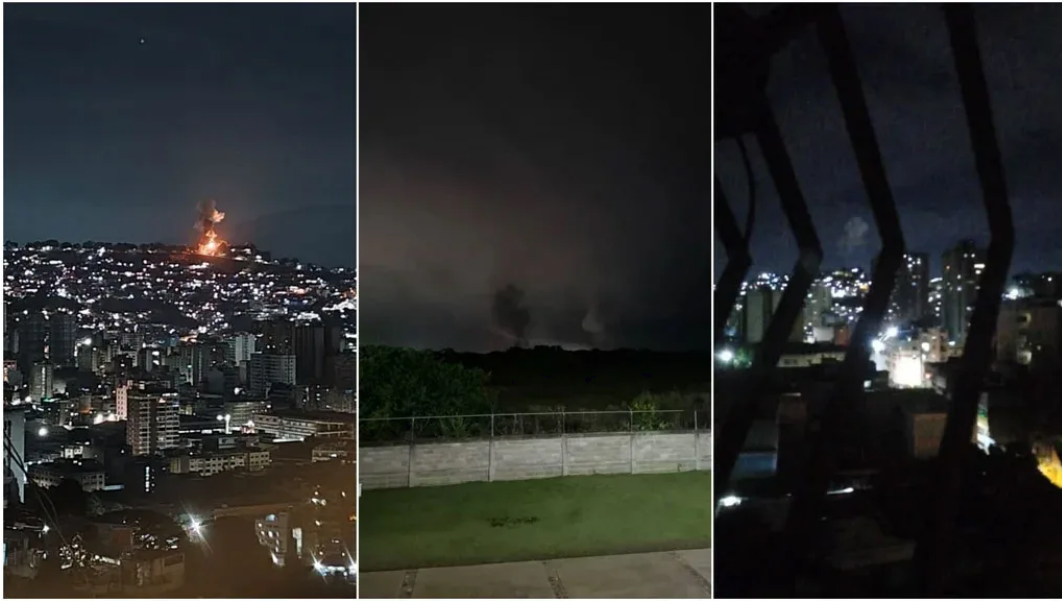




Breaking News | The United States attacks Venezuela: strong explosions overnight in Caracas and various regions

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According to the information circulated so far, **one of the most significant explosions** reportedly occurred **at the La Carlota airbase**, located in the urban fabric of the capital. Other

explosions and reports of military activity have been reported at numerous strategic points, including:

- **Escuela Naval**
- **Fuerte Tiuna**
- **La Carlota**
- **Meseta de Mamo**
- **Casco Histórico**
- **Cuartel de la Montaña**
- **Baruta**
- **Higuerote**
- **El Hatillo**
- **Charallave**
- **Carmen de Uria**

The **power outages** reportedly affected several neighborhoods of the capital and surrounding areas, while **fires** were observed near military installations and sensitive infrastructure.

Official silence in the early hours

At **3:00 AM**, **there were no official communications** from the Venezuelan regime about what happened. The absence of institutional confirmations further fueled speculations about the **coordinated nature of the attacks**.

Explosions also outside the capital

The reports are not limited to Caracas. This morning, **Saturday, January 3**, **explosions were also reportedly heard at stations and military installations** in the states of **Miranda, Aragua, Nueva Esparta, and La Guaira**, suggesting an **extensive and simultaneous action** on multiple fronts.

Developing scenario

At the moment, **information remains fragmented and not independently verified**. However, the **geographical scale of the events** and the **involvement of military targets**

indicate a **high-intensity operation**, with **potential regional implications**.

The situation is **rapidly developing**. Updates will follow as soon as **official confirmations** or further elements useful to clarify the dynamics of the events emerge.

Updates

1/3/26 10:21 AM - Donald Trump: We have captured Nicolas Maduro and his wife. We are transferring them out of the country

1/3/26 10:11 AM - De Vito, Italian Ambassador in Caracas to Sky TG24: "Low-altitude flights for about an hour during the attack. Do not leave home. If the situation deteriorates, we are ready to evacuate Italians."

1/3/26 8:31 AM - Minister Tajani via X: "Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni is informed. We are following the evolution of the news and the situation of Italians."

[#Venezuela](#) I am following the situation with our diplomatic representation in Caracas with particular attention to the Italian community. The Prime Minister [@GiorgiaMeloni](#) is constantly informed. The crisis unit of the Farnesina is operational

— Antonio Tajani (@Antonio_Tajani) [January 3, 2026](#)

1/3/26 8:17 AM - Colombian President Petro calls for UN and Organization of American States intervention.

Colombia since yesterday is a member of the United Nations Security Council, it must be convened immediately. Establish the international legality of the aggression on Venezuela.

The PMU is activated in Cúcuta and the operational plan at the border.

<https://t.co/SKpEf2ZF8T>

— Gustavo Petro (@petrogustavo) [January 3, 2026](#)

1/3/26 4:17 AM - CBS News: Attack ordered by Trump. Plans approved days ago. Attack scheduled for Christmas but then moved to this night.