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According to an Oct. 1 statement by the Nicaraguan Defense Ministry, the contra armies suffered 120 casualties from Sept. 19 to 28 at the hands of Sandinista forces in the northern departments of Jinotega and Zelaya. The statement indicated that the casualties occurred in 39 separate clashes. Major battles occurred in Jiquilite, Bocana de Paiwas and Agua Fria.

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