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On June 8, the National Industrialists Association (Asociacion Nacional de Industriales-ANDI) reported that industrial output dropped 5.4% in April and May. Next, according to ANDI statistics, non-coffee exports declined by 9.8% in the first four months of the year. The largest declines were recorded for clothing (-48.8%); leather goods (-23%); and, publishing (-12.5%). Import spending over the first quarter of the year increased by 4%. ANDI attributed the industrial production decline to severe electricity rationing in effect for the past three months. According to the Colombian Construction Chamber (Camara Colombiana de la Construccion-CAMACOL), the construction industry registered a 35% increase over the January-May period. Most construction activities were concentrated in housing. Bogota accounted for 58% of all building activities nationwide. [Basic data from El Tiempo (Colombia), Agence France-Presse, 06/08/92]

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