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On Jan. 20, Guatemalan troops were mobilized along the Salvadoran border after an alleged attack on a village in Guatemala by Salvadoran rebels. According to Col. Luis Francisco Rios, commander of the Jutiapa military base in southeastern Guatemala, about 1,000 troops from the towns of Jerez and Atesc-Atempa were sent to the border area "to protect the civilian population from the Salvadoran guerrillas." Atilio Morales, a journalist in Jutiapa department, said the rebels took temporary refuge atop the Chango volcano in Guatemalan territory in flight from the Salvadoran army. Col. Rios said the troops under his command had no contact with the rebels. (Basic data from Xinhua, 01/20/89)

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