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## **Salvadoran Rebels Attack Treasury Police Headquarters**

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On Jan. 20, rebel commandos attacked the Treasury Police headquarters in San Salvador with mortars launched from the beds of pickup trucks. The two trucks exploded when the mortars were fired at the building located downtown in the capital city. The attack marked the fourth on a major military installation in the capital area within the past three months. According to Salvadoran authorities, 10 persons were wounded and one man killed who was passing by when one of the pickups exploded. Treasury Police commander Col. Heriberto Hernandez said the vehicles exploded within minutes of each other about 6:25 a.m. local time. Both detonated, he said, about 50 yards from the wall surrounding the base. The rebels' clandestine Radio Venceremos said shortly after the attack their "units of mobile artillery" caused "extensive damage" to Treasury Police headquarters. The Associated Press reported that journalists allowed into the compound saw no damage to the installations, and Hernandez said none of the projectiles landed inside the compound. He said the vehicles were "possibly" used to launch the mortars. (Basic data from AP, 01/20/89)

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