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On March 20, the Honduran Army prevented the entry of journalists to a region where Nicaraguan contra camps are located after two soldiers were killed by mines in the area. According to military spokesperson Col. Manuel Suarez Benavides, the soldiers were patrolling on foot March 16 near the town of La Congolona, 100 miles southeast of Tegucigalpa, when they stepped on the mines. During the weekend, military teams worked to clear mines from a 20-square-mile area at the border. Suarez Benavides said, "The Sandinista army has intensified the mining of different Honduran border zones with Nicaragua by making rapid incursions into our territory with what appears to be an attitude of provocation." Meanwhile, AP pointed out that contras are also known to have planted mines when retreating across the border. Nicaragua and Honduras regularly exchange accusations on border incidents. Thus far in 1989, the Nicaraguan army has reported 20 incidents of harassment from Honduran troops across the border from Teotecacinte, near the Yamales area. (Basic data from Notimex, AP, 03/20/89)

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