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On April 30, the Nicaraguan government extended a unilateral ceasefire for another month to "facilitate the disarming and repatriation of contras encamped in Honduras and Costa Rica." The ceasefire has been unilaterally extended every month since June 1988 where the two sides concluded a fifth meeting with the objective of establishing a permanent ceasefire. Intelligence chief Lt.Col. Richard Wheelock said that sporadic clashes during the first three months of 1989 had caused the deaths of 193 contras and 43 soldiers. According to Wheelock, 400 clashes occurred in the north and central regions of the country since Jan. 1. Next, he said, 89 contras had been captured, and 26 disarmed and accepted a government amnesty. Wheelock said 9,200 rebels were waiting in Honduras to the north and Costa Rica to the south to resume the civil war "at the moment the United States decides." He described non-lethal aid of $67 million for the contras in April as "disguised" assistance to allow them to threaten Nicaragua from beyond its borders. In Stockholm on April 28, President Daniel Ortega said the contras had carried out 355 attacks against civilian and military targets, causing more than 315 casualties, including dead, injured and kidnapped. (Basic data from Notimex, AFP, 04/30/89)

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