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On July 2, president of the Supreme Court of Justice, Mauricio Gutierrez Castro, was slightly injured when presumed rebels strafed his car with submachinegun fire as he was returning from the beach on a road near La Libertad. According to government reports, one of judge's bodyguards and two other people were killed in the attack. The shooting incident occurred as Gutierrez and his family stopped at a roadblock some 20 km. south of San Salvador. He told reporters July 3 he did not know if he was the target of the attack since the rebels had no way of knowing he would be travelling then and there. He said, "It's my impression that it was just a roadblock. I don't think it was aimed at me personally." Officials said two persons driving to the capital were shot dead while apparently attempting to run the roadblock. (Basic data from Notimex, AFP, 07/03/89)

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