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On July 22, four bombs exploded on the Simeon Canas Central American University (UCA) campus before dawn. One bomb exploded under a parked bus, and three more inside the print shop, causing a portion of the building to collapse. Police experts also deactivated two more bombs in the print shop. There were no injuries. A statement by the rector's office said no one claimed responsibility for the attack. According to the statement, the explosions were the latest of "a series of attacks" on the university, which is run by the Roman Catholic Church, and "part of an insidious campaign of incitement and slander against the Jesuits who work at this institution." Members of the Nationalist Republican Alliance (ARENA) and the military have often accused both the UCA and the University of El Salvador of harboring guerrilla sympathizers. On April 29, a bomb exploded at the UCA's main entrance gate. On July 3, a guerrilla group attacked a neighborhood near the university where many army officers reside. Some newspapers said a number of shots were fired from the campus. The UCA rector's office denied the accusation. (Basic data from AP, 07/22/89)

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