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On Aug. 1, the Nicaraguan government announced extension of the cease-fire, or offensive military operations, until Aug. 31. According to government statistics, in the first seven months of the year, more than 1,500 people have been killed, disappeared, wounded, and abducted in clashes with contra forces. On the evening of July 31, the Defense Ministry reported that six soldiers had been injured and two killed in the most recent attacks against Sandinista Army and Interior Ministry patrols in Nueva Segovia, Jinotega and Chontales departments. Next, on July 28 and 29, contra units kidnapped four peasants in the same area. (Basic data from Xinhua, 08/01/89)

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