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At about 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 1, rebels of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) attacked a military barracks in the community of San Ramon, just outside of the capital on the slopes of the San Salvador volcano. Two hours later the explosions and rattle of automatic weapons fire were heard in northern San Salvador. Air Force helicopters sprayed suspected FMLN positions with machinegun fire, while Army troops were deployed to the area to search for the guerrillas. Suspected rebels destroyed several electrical power pylons in a residential district while others burned a bus in the eastern part of the capital. (Basic data from AFP, 08/01/89)

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