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On Aug. 10 at dawn, rebels attacked an army post in Mejicanos, a northern suburb of San Salvador. According to commander of the post, Sgt. Arturo Melendez, the attack began when several guerrillas aboard a dump truck smashed through a roadblock, and about 30 rebels fired rocket-propelled grenades at the post and sprayed it with automatic weapons fire. He said one soldier and one civilian were wounded. National Guard members traveling in a truck in southeastern San Salvador were ambushed by rebels. Military spokespersons said one soldier was killed and two wounded. AP reported that the National Guard troops were on their way to the Mejicanos post as reinforcements. Rebels also fired at the Mejicanos Town Hall. According to Xinhua, on the same day rebels attacked the Civil Defense Command headquarters, resulting in two wounded. Urban commandos destroyed six transformers north and east of San Salvador and one in Santa Tecla on Thursday morning. (Basic data from AP, Xinhua, 08/10/89)

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