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On Aug. 22, rebel station Radio Farabundo Marti reported 62 government troop casualties during the "past few hours" in clashes occurring in Chalatenango department, and in eastern and central El Salvador. The radio broadcast said rebels had damaged two helicopters and a C-47 plane. Meanwhile, the armed forces press office reported that the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) suffered 18 casualties, and the army 14 casualties during clashes in the northern, central and eastern regions of the country. The most intense fighting, said the military, occurred on Aug. 21. Radio Farabundo Marti reported 19 army casualties in Chalatenango department; 23 in eastern El Salvador, and 20 in the central region. As of Aug. 22, the FMLN's campaign to protest the Aug. 1 increase in transport fares decreed by the government has resulted in the destruction of more than 40 buses used on urban and inter-city routes. On Monday evening, rebel commandos dynamited three buses in San Salvador. In a communique issued via local radio stations, the FMLN requested that bus owners/drivers write fares on a poster attached to the outside of their vehicles. Those who fail to charge pre-Aug. 1 fares, said the communique, are considered military targets by rebel commandos. On Tuesday morning, rebels bombed the government's national overland transport office, a division of the Economy Ministry. Material damage was reported, but no injuries. Rebel station Radio Venceremos reported that on Tuesday, at least three guerrillas and seven government soldiers were killed in heavy fighting. (Basic data from Notimex, DPA, 08/22/89)

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