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On Aug. 24, president of the Mutual Support Group (GAM), Nineth de Garcia, told reporters that Ivan Ernesto Gonzalez and Carlos Conde, leaders of the University of San Carlos Students Association (AES), disappeared on Aug. 21, and that friends and relatives fear for their lives. Next, De Garcia said that on Aug. 23 Silvia Maria Azurdia and Victor Hugo Rodriguez Jaramillo, a married student couple, were abducted from in front of their home in Guatemala City. Azurdia is a sociology student, and Rodriguez studies political science at the University of San Carlos. Azurdia is the daughter of an influential Guatemalan broadcast journalist. The GAM president also mentioned that an active GAM member, Maria Rumalga de Camey, was abducted Aug. 15 at the Olimpia ranch, Escuintla department. On the same day, unidentified assailants threw a grenade at the GAM office in the capital. On Aug. 24, Ramiro Castillo, president of Guatemala's largest commercial bank, Banco Industrial, was killed in front of his home in eastern Guatemala City by six unidentified gunmen. Two of his sons were injured, one seriously. Police speculated that Castillo was the victim of an abduction-ransom scheme which went haywire. (Basic data from Notimex, DPA, 08/24/89)

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