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According to a recent report by the non-governmental Salvadoran Human Rights Commission (CDHES), in the first half of 1989, government security forces and death squads assassinated 1,320 persons, abducted or arrested 750, and "disappeared" 132. According to rebel station Radio Venceremos, a total of 144 persons, ranging from labor union and cooperative members, university students, displaced persons, human rights organization workers, to foreign journalists, were detained by government security forces between July 1 and 27. In the same period, 27 people were injured, five murdered and three disappeared by security forces. Spokespersons of the Salvadoran Workers National Union (UNTS) said that as of July 27, an average of seven people had been arrested and one killed per day since the Nationalist Republican Alliance (ARENA) President Alfredo Cristiani was installed on June 1. (Basic data from 07/23/89 report by Salpress-Notisal; 07/23-30/89 weekly report by Radio Venceremos)

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