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On Sept. 5, government troops and Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) rebels clashed before dawn near Chilanga, Morazan department. Armed forces spokespersons reported 16 dead and six wounded soldiers, and "numerous" rebel casualties. The official death toll was the highest since the military acknowledged 69 dead in a guerrilla attack March 31, 1987, on the 4th Army Brigade headquarters in Chalatenango department. In a broadcast on Radio Venceremos, the FMLN said rebels caused 25 casualties to government forces. Throughout the day, several other clashes were reported by Radio Venceremos, including in the village of Tejutla, Chalatenango department, and in Sesori and Carolina, located in northern San Miguel department. (Basic data from Notimex, AP, 09/05/89)

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