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On Sept. 20, former presidential candidate of the Civil Democratic Opposition Alliance (ADOC) Guillermo Endara commenced a hunger strike to call attention to the opposition's civil disobedience campaign against the provisional government. "I declare myself on an indefinite hunger strike until the 'Not One Cent More for the Government' campaign is recognized and supported by the Panamanian people," he said. Endara was referring to a campaign launched last month by ADOC exhorting Panamanians to delay utility, tax and other payments to the government. The opposition effort has been largely ignored. At ADOC headquarters, Endara said, "I will follow all that is applicable from the rules written by Mahatma Gandhi for his hunger strike of November 1925." On the same day, ADOC leaders and former vice presidential candidates Guillermo Ford and Ricardo Arias Calderon, began a diplomatic initiative to seek support for their demand that Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega resign as commander-in-chief of the Panamanian Defense Forces, and as Panama's de facto ruler. They are to tour Jamaica, Britain, Italy, Spain, West Germany, Belgium, France, Canada and the US. In Washington, the Organization of American States (OAS) voted to include the Panamanian political crisis for discussion during its General Assembly scheduled to begin in mid-November. On Sept. 21, the Panamanian government warned it would prosecute anyone who attempts to disrupt public order. (Basic data from AFP, 09/20/89, 09/21/89; Xinhua, 09/20/89)

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