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On Aug. 26, a statement from the Government and Justice Ministry said the government had decided to close down three opposition party newsletters published "to slander and damage leaders of the national government and its institutions, following the lines of American imperialism in its aggression against the fatherland." The newsletters are published by the Authentic Liberal and Christian Democratic parties and the Liberal Republican Nationalist Movement. The ministry statement also said the government would arrest newsletter editors and equipment used to publish them. By the end of the day, no arrests had been reported. The communique said the publications violated news media laws. (Basic data from AP, 08/26/89)

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