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On Aug. 28, rebels launched an attack on the 1st army detachment headquartered in Chalatenango department. Officials said the 13-hour battle resulted in two dead soldiers and three wounded. According to Radio Farabundo Marti, the military suffered 30 casualties, and rebels shot down two helicopters. Meanwhile, fighting was reported in Usulutan department. Residents of the village of Santa Helena said the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) attacked troops pertaining to the 6th Infantry Brigade on Tuesday morning. In San Salvador, rebel sabotage continues, causing electricity blackouts and breaks in telephone service. Thus far, the FMLN's campaign against the government's transportation fare hikes has resulted in the destruction of 40 buses. According to Notimex, a bus driver has been killed, and two civilians wounded. (Basic data from Notimex, 08/29/89)

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