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On Nov. 5, during his customary Sunday sermon at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas said death squads were responsible for the deaths of 11 civilians in the past week. Next, the archbishop said that the FMLN's refusal to participate in the next scheduled round of peace talks (see article above) is the result of escalating violence: "Although the FMLN's decision is not the most adequate means to achieve peace, it is understandable...Both sides must offer signs of good will..." [The FMLN suspended participation in a round of peace talks scheduled for Oct. 30, 1987, following the Oct. 26 assassination of the president of the independent Salvadoran Human Rights Commission (CDHES)]. (Basic data from Notimex, 11/05/89)

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