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## **Eight Rebel Wounded Occupy El Calvario Church In San Salvador**

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On Nov. 7, eight former rebel combatants who sustained serious injuries and are now at least partially disabled, occupied the El Calvario church in San Salvador. In statements to Notimex, the former rebels said they had rejected the government's "special amnesty" program, and would carry out unspecified "actions" until the government complies with the Geneva Convention and permits them to leave the country for medical treatment. The Salvadoran government argues that the Geneva Convention does not apply since there is no "state of war" in El Salvador. In early October, the National Assembly approved a special amnesty for 167 rebel war wounded. The amnesty was rejected by the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) on grounds that its war wounded "are not criminals who should feel privileged by being offered a pardon," but rather war combatants as defined in international treaties. (Basic data from Notimex, 11/07/89)

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