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## **Guatemala: On Recent Rebel Actions**

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Last weekend, the Guatemalan rebels launched several attacks in the western and northern regions of the country. On the evening of Dec. 3, presumed guerrillas attacked the police post in the village of Pajapita, San Marcos department, and in Nebaj, El Quiche department, several electricity pylons were destroyed. Next, presumed rebels blocked the roadway between Ciudad Flores and Poptum, El Peten department, where they collected a "war tax" from motorists. Since Nov. 19, when a column of the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG) occupied Rio Bravo, Suchitepequez department, guerrilla actions have escalated. Government and military officials describe recent guerrilla actions as "propagandistic," asserting that the rebels are incapable of carrying out significant military activities. (Basic data from Notimex, 12/04/89)

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