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On Nov. 15, about 5,000 judges and 20,000 court workers ended a strike that had shut down the nation's judicial system since Nov. 3, following the assassination of Judge Mariela Espinosa in Medellin. Consuelo Herrera, a board member of the National Association of Court Workers, told AP that at a meeting on Nov. 14 with Justice Minister Roberto Salazar, the government agreed to provide judges with bullet-proof vests, bodyguards and reinforced cars to protect them from drug traffickers. Herrera said the government will also study the possibility of salary hikes for judges dealing with drug trafficking cases. The US Embassy said Washington had donated 300 bulletproof vests, 12 bullet-resistant cars, 12 metal detectors and $500,000 for purchasing other security equipment. The Caracol radio network reported that Britain sent a Hercules cargo plane loaded with weapons, munitions and security equipment for the judges. According to AP, since Aug. 18, 253 bombing attacks have been attributed to the drug mafia. A total of 39 people have been killed. (Basic data from AP, 11/15/89)

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