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On Feb. 26, unidentified persons launched a fragmentation grenade at a National Police station in southern Guatemala City, but caused no injuries. It was the second such explosion in a 24-hour period. Police reported that explosives experts said the two artifacts only simulated fragmentation grenades. According to reports by the Defense Ministry on Feb. 28, on Tuesday night guerrillas attempted to occupy Santa Maria de Jesus, located about 50 km. from Guatemala City. In subsequent fighting with government troops, the rebels launched a rocket at a house, resulting in the death of one child, and injuries to three others. There were no reports on government troop and rebel casualties. (Basic data from Notimex, 02/26/90; Xinhua, 02/28/90)

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