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According to a March 13 report by Prensa Latina, four people were killed and several injured by gunshot wounds in Panama City during the weekend. Daily newspaper Critica Libre reported that on March 12 soccer player Miguel Tello was shot to death. Between March 1 and March 12, 22 persons were injured in shooting incidents in Panama City. During the US invasion in December, thousands of common criminals escaped from prisons, and Panama City's police force was decimated. Since then, the crime rate throughout the country has been escalating. (Basic data from Prensa Latina, 03/13/90)

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