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March 16: According to military sources, on Thursday night, forces of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) redoubled attacks against military and economic targets. Rebels attacked an electricity sub-station and nearby soldiers in Natividad, Santa Ana department, 70 km. west of the capital. A bridge and soldiers guarding the facility were attacked near the village of Aguilares, 34 km. from the capital. There were no reported casualties. Meanwhile, near the village of Sociedad, Morazan department, rebels dynamited three electricity pylons. Another two pylons were bombed in San Sebastian, San Vicente department. Three soldiers of the elite Atlacatl Battalion were wounded in fighting near Los Rivera, Cuscatlan department. March 19: National Police sources said FMLN urban commandos attacked a police patrol in San Salvador on Monday morning. One policeman was killed, and another wounded. Military sources reported the death of one rebel and five rebels and five soldiers wounded during fighting over the past 24 hours in San Vicente, San Miguel and Cabanas departments. Rebels bombed an electricity substation which blacked out much of the Colonia Centroamerica in the capital. In a rebel attack on a suburban military post, a civilian woman was wounded in the cross-fire. March 20: FMLN rebels took over the Radio Cadena Sonora station in San Salvador to broadcast a 30-minute-long taped message urging citizens to "join the struggle for a democratic government." The tape included a communique issued by the FMLN issued March 13 offering to suspend attacks against civilian government officials, businesses and transportation and telecommunications facilities. The government was accused of ignoring the offer. The message said, "The government is taking advantage of our position and our desire for peace through negotiation as expressed in that communique." Witnesses said the station was occupied Tuesday morning by several heavily armed young guerrillas. After the message was broadcast, the guerrillas left. Cadena Sonora director Roberto Castaneda said it was the 14th to 16th time the station had been taken over by guerrillas in the past 10 years. (Basic data from Notimex, 03/16/90, 03/19/90, 03/20/90; AFP, 03/20/90; Xinhua, 03/21/90)

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