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On March 25, Barricada reported that eight Cuban doctors working in the Matagalpa regional hospital recently departed for Cuba because of threats to their safety. The gynecologists, ophthalmologists, pediatricians and ear, nose and throat specialists were targets of "insults and immature attitudes" by supporters of the National Opposition Unity (UNO). Alejandro Paguaga, Health Ministry regional representative, told Barricada that the physicians' departure will have a "strong impact" on the local population, who now must travel to Managua for specialized treatment. The doctors left the country on March 23, alongwith some 160 Cuban military advisers. (Basic data from AFP, 03/25/90)

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