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March 22: According to rebel and government sources, three clashes in Las Vueltas, Chalatenango department (about 80 km. north of San Salvador), resulted in at least 26 casualties, including soldiers and rebels. Army spokespersons said that two soldiers were killed and 12 were wounded. Rebel station Radio Venceremos reported 14 army troop casualties. Official sources said 12 rebels were wounded or killed in the fighting. April 2: According to a statement by the armed forces press office, a truck bomb exploded at 6:30 a.m. outside the National Police Academy while cadets were doing their morning exercise, killing six and wounding 27. One police officer, four cadets and a civilian died, and 24 cadets and three civilians were wounded. The incident was attributed to the FMLN, although no one has claimed responsibility. (Basic data from AFP, Notimex, 03/22/90; AP, 04/02/90)

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