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On June 5, court officials reported that the corpses of two young men who had been tortured and shot to death were found in a street of Ilopango, 14 km. east of San Salvador. One of the victims was Carlos Humberto Lopez, a farmer from Candelaria de la Frontera, located in western El Salvador. The other victim could not be immediately identified. Death squads are the suspected perpetrators. [According to Tutela Legal, legal aid office of the San Salvador Archdiocese, in the first three months of the year 28 persons were assassinated by soldiers or death squads. Another 30 persons were "disappeared." Of the latter, over half had been taken into custody by soldiers.] (Basic data from AFP, 05/14/90, 06/05/90)

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