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On July 28, heavy fighting was observed on the outskirts of San Salvador, following a rebel ambush of a military convoy. According to the armed forces press office, the ambush took place on a road between Santa Tecla and Santa Ana, some 16 km. from San Salvador. The press office said the fighting continued for two hours, but gave no details on casualties. In a broadcast over Radio Farabundo Marti, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) said the army suffered 20 casualties in the ambush and in fighting near the Guazapa volcano. On July 30, the armed forces press office reported that fighting on Sunday evening and Monday morning left six rebels dead, and two soldiers wounded in northern Chalatenango department, and two rebels dead and three wounded in La Union department. Next, one soldier died and two others were wounded when rebels attacked military positions in San Jose Guayabal, 40 km. north of San Salvador. Two rebels were wounded in other fighting in eastern El Salvador. (Basic data from Notimex, 07/28/90; AFP, 07/30/90)

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