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In an Aug. 3 interview with the Agence France Presse, Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) commander Salvador Guerra discussed the rebels' willingness to declare a cease-fire in September if the government participates in a serious discussion on demilitarizing Salvadoran society. Guerra is second in command of the Popular Liberation Front (FPL), one of five rebel groups under the Frente. The next round of talks between the FMLN and the Salvadoran government is scheduled for Sept. 17-23 in Costa Rica. Guerra said the FMLN believes dissolution of several military organizations, such as the National Guard and the Treasury Police, "neither of which performs functions indispensable to Salvadoran society," is a reasonable and realistic goal. He added that dissolution of these security forces would be perceived by Salvadorans as an affirmation, rather than a source of embarrassment to the army and the high command. Regarding an eventual cease-fire, Guerra said, "We would like to see a cease-fire go into effect as soon as possible. It could have happened at the last meeting and it can happen at the one set for September. It depends on the government and the armed forces. Whether we end the war, and whether a new offensive occurs, depends on them. "[President Alfredo] Cristiani wants to maintain the image of the gentle dove of peace, but it appears that he has been influenced in consultations with military hardliners."

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