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In a communique released Aug. 25 in Costa Rica, the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG) said the armed forces had stepped up attacks against civilians residing in the Ixcán district of El Quiché department. Between Aug. 12 and Aug. 22, said the URNG, soldiers stationed in Canada, Alfa, Pomayan, Pueblo Nuevo and Monaco used a total of 50 105mm howitzers and 178 grenades against residents of Pueblo Nuevo and La Unión Cuarto Pueblo. According to the rebels, the army has targeted the Ixcán area since mid-July as part of its "political genocide" policy. Since then, said the URNG, the armed forces have used fighter planes and helicopters to drop 26 bombs and strafe with automatic weapons fire residents' homes and crops. (Basic data from AFP, 08/23/90)

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