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According to reports by CODEFAM (relatives of disappeared persons), the independent Salvadoran Human Rights Commission (CDHES), and the Salvadoran Political Prisoners Committee (COPPES), on the evening of Aug. 20, more than 50 political prisoners were subjected to severe beatings by soldiers of the 1st Infantry Brigade and guards employed at the Mariona prison. The victims were then reportedly removed from the premises. As of Aug. 21, the prisoners were considered "disappeared." (Basic data from Salpress, 08/20/90; 08/22/90 report by CDHES)

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