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On Aug. 28 police reported that Celso Giron, a National Center Union (UCN) candidate for deputy in the November elections, was assassinated in San Pedro Jocopilas, El Quiche department. Preliminary reports indicate that Giron was attacked by a group of men armed with machineguns when he passed by a local park. In voter preference polls, Giron had been in lead over opponents for representing El Quiche in the national congress. Jorge Carpio Nicolle, the UCN's presidential candidate, told EFE that the assassination was part of a "black campaign" against him. He pointed out that UCN Deputy Otto Rolando Ruano was killed in an ambush in July while driving to the village of Jalapa. (Basic data from EFE, 08/28/90)

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