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On Aug. 31, public sector bank employees initiated a partial strike to pressure the government into approving a 140% wage hike. The bank employees are also demanding the resumption of housing loans and food subsidies. Government officials offered a 60% increase. Union leader Douglas Diaz said the government offer was inadequate since consumer price inflation is out of control. On Sept. 3, the 200,000-member National Workers Front (FNT) threatened to extend the banking employees' strike action to other economic sectors if the government fails to respond to strikers' demands. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 09/03/90)

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