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On Oct. 24, the London-based Amnesty International released a communique expressing its "alarm" over a rising number of killings by death squads. The statement said the death squads have killed at least 45 persons between the months of January and August this year, more than double the number for the same period last year. Some victims' corpses were found "mutilated" with faces completely destroyed, and others bore marks of torture, said the communique. The human rights organization called on the government to terminate "the climate of impunity" which reigns in El Salvador. The statement said assassinations, torture and disappearances will end only when the government effectively "translates its words into actions." (Basic data from AFP, 10/24/90)

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