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On March 7 in San Juan del Rio, Queretaro state, Mexico, Ernesto Nunez, senior administrator of El Salvador's anti-narcotics unit, said that the Salvadoran National Assembly is currently discussing a bill which includes the death penalty for drug dealers, as well as extradition. Nunez was visiting Mexico to participate in a conference organized by the Inter-American Commission on Drug Abuse Control (CICAD). According to Nunez, drug consumption in El Salvador has increased to such an extent that a gram of cocaine can be purchased for up to \$1, depending on quality and locale of purchase. (Basic data from Notimex, 03/07/91)

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