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On April 31, the Salvadoran Foundation for Social and Economic Development (FUNSALPRODESE) and the Mexican Social Development Association (ASEMEDE, AC) organized a "Day of Solidarity with the Salvadoran Child" to draw attention to the plight of children in the aftermath of 11 years of civil war. According to organizers of the event, the majority of Salvadoran poor are children, and many are orphans. In rural El Salvador, children grow up experiencing repeated bombings and gunfire by the military. They suffer from insomnia, nightmares, fear of airplanes, military uniforms and loud noise. Children are subjected to neglect, sexual and physical abuse. Gangs, drug addiction, and child prostitution have become commonplace. (Basic data from Notimex, 05/01/91)

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