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On Aug. 18, army Col. Jorge Alberto Beltran tossed a grenade onto the dance floor at a village festival in Comasagua, located on the outskirts of San Salvador. Seven persons were killed, and 65 injured. Red Cross spokesperson Carlos Lopez Mendoza said Beltran was arguing with his girlfriend, "and when she refused to dance, he pulled out a grenade and threw it." A National Police spokesperson said the colonel's whereabouts were unknown. On Aug. 20, Mendoza told reporters that army Maj. William Avila and Santiago Avila Zepeda were seriously wounded when assailants fired on their vehicle in downtown San Salvador. Also on Tuesday, unidentified assailants shot and killed civilian Saul Anival Hernandez in a northern neighborhood of the capital. (Basic data from AFP, AP, 08/18/91; ACAN-EFE, 08/20/91)

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