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In its Aug. 28 edition, daily newspaper Diario Latino reported that on Aug. 27, soldiers detained eight Canadian nationals returning from a visit to a resettlement community in Chalatenango department. The Canadians were invited to visit the community by the state-run University of El Salvador as part of an cholera prevention educational program. According to a statement released by the armed forces press office (COPREFA), the Canadians were arrested because they were in a conflict zone without proper safe conduct documents. The statement said the detainees were released the same day to the Canadian consulate in San Salvador. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 08/28/91)

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