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On Nov. 13, hundreds of residents of San Joaquin, a poor neighborhood located on the outskirts of Panama City, threatened they would use the Presidential Palace facilities to bathe if the government continues to ignore water supply problems in San Joaquin. At present, barrio residents have access to water an average of four days per week. According to government figures, the 150 million gallons of potable water produced daily in Panama is adequate for meeting the needs of only half the nation's nearly 2.5 million inhabitants. (Basic data from Notimex, 11/12/91; Agence France-Presse, 11/13/91)

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