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Nov. 19: The armed forces press office (COPREFA) reported that nine Farabundo Marti Liberation Front (FMLN) rebels were killed and another wounded at Tejutla, Chalatenango department. Four rebels were killed and two wounded near La Reina, Chalatenango. Next, four rebels were wounded at San Antonio Los Ranchos, Chalatenango. In addition, rebels attacked security forces at the Mariona prison located in northern San Salvador department. No casualties were reported in this incident. According to army spokespersons, at least 20 persons have been killed since Nov. 16, or the first day of the FMLN's unilateral cease-fire. Nov. 20: In a communique, the FMLN expressed concern over the "aggressive attitude of the government which has stepped up offensive actions while we offer gestures of...good will." Nov. 23: Radio Farabundo Marti reported 10 troop casualties at Guazapa, San Salvador department. One soldier was wounded in Morazan department. According to COPREFA, two soldiers were killed and one wounded during clashes in Chalatenango and Cuscatlan departments. Next, two rebels were wounded at Guazapa, San Salvador. In addition, said COPREFA, seven civilians were recruited by FMLN rebels in Usulután and San Miguel departments. Nov. 24: COPREFA reported six rebels and two soldiers killed, and three soldiers wounded at San Antonio Los Ranchos, Chalatenango. Two soldiers were wounded at Suchitoto, Cuscatlan department. Next, rebels attacked soldiers in San Fernando, Chalatenango, and Jocoaitique, Morazan department. Nov. 25: Radio Venceremos reported that army units were "provoking" the rebels and "violating [President Alfredo] Cristiani's orders to stop shelling villages." Nov. 27: COPREFA reported four rebels killed and eight wounded in San Francisco Javier, Usulután department. One soldier and one rebel were killed, four soldiers and one civilian wounded, and three homes destroyed in Jocoaitique, Morazan department. Radio Venceremos reported two soldiers killed, and five soldiers and three rebels wounded at Jocoaitique. Nov. 30: Local radio stations reported that rebels occupied the town of Dulce Nombre de Maria, Chalatenango department. According to COPREFA, two rebels were killed at Santa Elena, Usulután department. Dec. 1: COPREFA reported two rebels and two soldiers killed at Santa Rita, Chalatenango. One soldier and one rebel were killed during a clash in San Francisco Javier, Usulután. Next, one soldier and one rebel were wounded near Suchitoto, Cuscatlan department. Dec. 2: Military sources reported that rebels occupied the town of Guatajiagua, Morazan department. (Basic data from Salpress, 11/20/91; Inter Press Service, 11/25/91; ACAN-EFE, 11/20/91, 11/25/91, 11/30/91, 12/02/91; Agence France-Presse, 11/23/91, 11/25/91, 11/27/91, 11/28/91, 12/02/91)

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