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On Dec. 16, the armed forces press office (COPREFA) reported that a coffee plantation worker was seriously injured Dec. 13 in La Libertad department after stepping on a mine. According to COPREFA, the mine was planted by rebels because the plantation owner had refused to pay "war taxes" to the rebels. COPREFA said the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN)'s persistent efforts to extract "war taxes" from growers was interfering with the coffee harvest. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 12/16/91)

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