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Dec. 18: The armed forces press office (COPREFA) reported three Farabundo Marti Liberation Front (FMLN) rebels killed and four soldiers wounded during a clash at Lolotique, San Miguel department. One soldier and one rebel were killed at Yoloaiquin, Morazan department. Next, one civilian was wounded at San Antonio Los Ranchos, Chalatenango department. In addition, one soldier was killed and two others wounded during fighting at Potonico, Chalatenango department. Dec. 23: According to local press reports, rebels captured four trucks carrying foodstuffs in San Ramon, San Salvador department. The goods were subsequently distributed to residents of the community as a "Christmas present." COPREFA reported one soldier killed and one rebel wounded at San Fernando, Morazan department. One soldier was killed at San Francisco Javier, Usulutan department. Next, one child and two rebels were killed, and two soldiers wounded during clashes on the outskirts of San Salvador. Dec. 29: Archbishop of San Salvador Arturo Rivera y Damas said 620 soldiers and 804 rebels and civilians were killed in military clashes in 1991. In addition, at least 47 persons were executed by death squads. Dec. 30: Radio Venceremos reported that rebel forces caused 6,800 army casualties in fighting throughout 1991. According to the report, 88 rebel combatants were killed. The FMLN said that in 1991 rebels downed five army helicopters and damaged 10 others; destroyed or damaged seven airplanes, 28 army trucks, and seven tanks; seized 355 rifles, 23 machineguns, 12 grenade launchers, 20 LOW rockets, five 90mm cannons, two 60mm mortars, and 35 radios. Dec. 31: COPREFA reported 1,776 rebels and 622 soldiers killed in fighting during 1991. Over the past year, troops carried out 5,280 military operations, and the FMLN, 1,892. Jan. 1: According to the Salvadoran Human Rights Commission (CDHES), 64,417 civilians were killed between 1980 and June 1991. The Catholic Archdiocesan human rights defense office, Tutela Legal, reported that over 80,000 civilians, soldiers and rebels were killed since 1980. The Salvadoran Defense Ministry reported 37,907 deaths during the January 1980-January 1991 period. Of the total, 23,480 were rebels; 9,140, soldiers; and, 5,287, civilians. Jan. 2: COPREFA reported one soldier killed at San Antonio Los Ranchos, Chalatenango department. Jan. 4: According to COPREFA, one rebel was killed and four others wounded at Mercedes Umana, Usulutan department. Rebels wounded a civilian and stole two pistols from a civil defense unit at Sunsuntepeque, Cabanas department. Next, rebels attacked a military post at Potonico, Chalatenango. No casualties were reported. Radio Farabundo Marti reported three troop casualties at Potonico, Chalatenango. An armed forces communique announced that armed forces assistant chief of staff and army representative in the peace talks Col. Mauricio Vargas was promoted to the rank of general. Col. Ismael Machuca was also promoted to general, and assigned to the armed forces inspector general post. Prior to the Dec. 31 accords, Machuca served as National Police chief. Jan. 5: According to COPREFA, three rebels were killed during fighting at Dulce Nombre de Maria, Chalatenango. Radio Farabundo Marti reported that three soldiers and one rebel were killed, and two soldiers were wounded at Mercedes Umana, Usulutan department, on Jan. 4. Jan. 6: COPREFA said three soldiers were wounded at Cinquera, Cabanas. One civilian was injured at San Marcos, Cabanas department. A rebel communique reported nine troop casualties in Chalatenango and Cabanas departments. Jan. 8: Local press
reports noted large-scale army troop movements, apparently motivated by an attempt to rearrange personnel and hardware prior to the cease-fire deadline. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 12/18/91, 01/03/92, 01/06/92; Associated Press, 01/07/92; Agence France-Presse, 12/23/91, 12/29/91-01/01/92, 01/04/92, 01/07/92, 01/08/92)

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