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Financial losses in the first six months of 1991 caused by rebel attacks are estimated at \$468 million. A report by the fourth army brigade, based in Antioquia department, said attacks by the National Guerrilla Coordinator (CNG) caused greatest damage to the oil infrastructure, with losses of \$233 million. According to the state-run oil company ECOPETROL, most losses resulted from 40 dynamite attacks on the Cano Limon- Covenas pipeline, which carries oil from eastern Colombia to the Caribbean port of Covenas. About 96,000 barrels of oil worth almost \$10 million were spilled as a result of guerrilla attacks on the pipeline. Next, rebels destroyed or damaged 123 electricity pylons. Sabotage of the electricity infrastructure was concentrated in the northern coastal region, where power has been rationed. Electricity rationing has affected many industries. According to the official statistics agency (DANE), production fell by 5% in the first half of the year. Businesspersons, however, blame government anti-inflation policies for most of their financial problems. (Basic data from Inter Press Service, 07/31/91)

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