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On Jan. 18, the armed forces press office (COPREFA) reported that "unidentified assailants" forced their way into the San Salvador home of Lt. Col. Armando Anibal Rodriguez, where they shot and killed the colonel and Jesus Diaz, his housekeeper. Rodriguez served as deputy chief of the armed forces territorial services, responsible for civil defense corps. According to relatives' accounts, the colonel had been followed from the international airport where he had gone to pick up some family members. Rodriguez managed to return fire on his attackers, injuring one of them who was subsequently apprehended. Next, COPREFA reported that a gang of "about 10 unidentified gunmen" ambushed a National Police vehicle traveling along the highway between La Libertad department and San Salvador. One police officer was killed and another wounded. COPREFA said the attackers wore military uniforms garb and used high-calibre weapons. (Basic data from Chinese news service Xinhua, Agence France-Presse, ACAN-EFE, 01/18/92)

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