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On Feb. 6 in San Francisco el Alto, Totonicapan, El Quiche department, about 60 women rallied at city hall to protest the municipality's failure to act in terms of reducing or eliminating a shortage of potable water. Police spokespersons said mayor Juan Hernandez was beaten by the protesters, apparently after he attempted to ignore the demonstration by hiding in his office. Hernandez required emergency room treatment. (Basic data from Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, 02/06/92)

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