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Jan. 11: The health ministries of El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala commenced a joint sanitation campaign to reduce the spread of cholera in border towns. Jan. 23: Panamanian Health Ministry spokespersons reported a total of 1,262 confirmed cases of cholera, and death toll of 30. Feb. 5: Panamanian Health Minister Guillermo Rolla reported that three inmates at the Colon prison (Colon department) had contracted cholera. Feb. 9: Guatemalan health officials reported 200 confirmed cases at Santiago Atitlan, Solola department. According to local authorities, all victims are being treated at the regional hospital, and no fatalities have been reported. According to Health Ministry spokespersons, 55 deaths and 1,760 confirmed cases of cholera have been reported in Guatemala since July 1991. (Basic data from Inter Press Service, 01/11/92; Agence France-Presse, 02/05/92; Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, 01/23/92, 02/09/92)

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