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On April 1-3, judicial authorities, forensic specialists, journalists and representatives of several human rights organizations were present as the remains of 12 indigenous persons were exhumed from a clandestine gravesite in Tuluche, El Quiche department. The forensic specialists said the remains indicated that the victims had been beaten and tortured. According to local residents, the 12 people were killed by soldiers in 1980. In statements to reporters, Mutual Support Group (GAM) spokespersons denounced government apathy regarding investigations of clandestine gravesites. GAM leaders called on the government to initiate investigations into denunciations made in October 1991 concerning clandestine gravesites in Tunaja and Xuguexa, El Quiche department. [Basic data from Prensa Latina (Cuba), Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, Agence France-Presse, 04/03/92]

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