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GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Five guerrillas, a policeman and a soldier have been killed in clashes near the Mexican border and on the fringe of the capital, police and army sources said Saturday. Two civilians were also victims in the latest round of political violence, they said.

The officials said four guerrillas died in a clash with army troops near Flores in the state of Peten, 300 miles north of the capital near the Mexican border, on Friday. They said one soldier was killed in the fighting, and that troops found caches of weapons and other supplies.

A policeman, a guerrilla and a civilian were killed during attacks on police substations on the edge of the capital Friday night. Newspapers and radio stations later received calls from persons identifying themselves as members of the People’s Army of the Poor, a guerrilla group, claiming responsibilities for the two attacks.

In Mazatenango, 90 miles southwest of the capital, a civilian identified as Guillermo Urizar, 34, was killed when he was caught in a crossfire between troops and guerrillas near the city center Thursday night, authorities said.

Political violence claims an average of 300 lives a month in Guatemala, where guerrillas and the government are fighting for power.