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On Sept. 15, owner-publisher of El Siglo, Jaime Padilla Beliz, was arrested by about 15 armed plainclothesmen, said Venus Cardenas, one of Padilla's lawyers. El Siglo, critical of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, was closed down by the government in July 1987 on charges of undermining the physical and economic security of the state. Padilla was taken away from the offices of the Padilla y Asociados law firm. He is a senior partner in the firm. (Basic data from AP, 09/15/89)

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