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**EL SALVADOR NO LONGER A COUNTRY, BUT A BATTLEFIELD (House of Representatives - November 14, 1989)**

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(Mr. MOAKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, **El Salvador** is no longer a country, it is a battlefield.

The latest news accounts estimate that there have been over 400 deaths as a result of the most recent fighting and there seems to be no end to the violence.

That means more tragedy, more suffering and more pain, for the people of **El Salvador** .

Mr. Speaker, 3 weeks ago this House overwhelmingly passed a bill I sponsored that would temporarily halt the deportation of Salvadoran nationals currently in the United States. Similar legislation is now pending before the Senate.

Today, in light of the escalated violence, I again call upon the administration to use its discretionary powers, and promptly halt Salvadoran deportations.

Failure to provide protection to the war refugees from **El Salvador** --could very well mean adding to the death toll.

We must act now. Lives are literally in the balance.

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