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(U) IMPLICATIONS OF SENIOR ARMY OFFICER DISMISSALS

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President Uribe, flanked by the Defense Minister and top military commanders, announced the dismissal of 20 commissioned and 7 noncommissioned officers for negligence and failure to comply with established human rights procedures. Subordinates of the officers allegedly engaged in criminal activities that included killing innocent civilians and then counting them as enemy combatants. In November, Uribe announced his replacement of Army Commander Montoya with Gen Gonzalez.

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> (U) noted the and asserted Unibe's drastic reaction "reflected the seriousness of the problem and, at long last, the willingness to truly correct



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