

EL SALVADOR RECENT COMMAND CHANGES. (U)

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TEXT 1. (U) THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES (ESAF) ANNOUNCED ON 24 MAY THAT SEVERAL OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN LINKED WITH RIGHTWING DEATH SQUADS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TRANSFERRED ABROAD.

(b)(1); (b)(3); 50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c)

2. ~~(C/NF)~~ ON THE 24TH, (b)(1); (b)(3); 50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c)

TREASURY POLICE DIRECTOR COL NICOLAS CARRANZA, ENGINEER INSTRUCTION CENTER AND LA PAZ DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LT COL DENIS MORAN, AND GENERAL STAFF OFFICER LT COL ARISTEDES ALFONSO MARQUEZ HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED BECAUSE OF THEIR ALLEGED LINKS WITH RIGHTIST DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITIES.

3. ~~(C/NF)~~ (b)(1); (b)(3); 50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c) CARRAZA MADE A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT DUARTE, BUT HE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AND HAS SINCE ACCEPTED HIS POSITION (b)(1); (b)(3); 50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c)

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4. ~~(C/NF)~~ IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN-RIGHTS IMAGE OF THE SECURITY FORCES, (b)(1); (b)(3); 50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c) COL GOLCHER, PRESENT DIRECTOR OF THE ARMED FORCES STUDY CENTER AND FORMER TASK FORCE COMMANDER OF OPERATION MAQUILISHUAT IN SAN VICENTE, HAS BEEN NAMED TO REPLACE COL CARRANZA AS TREASURY POLICE DIRECTOR.

(b)(1); (b)(3); 50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c) GOLCHER IS ANXIOUS TO CHANGE THE REPUTATION OF THIS ORGANIZATION BY REMOVING TAINTED PERSONNEL AND WILL POSSIBLY DISBAND THE TREASURY POLICE CAZADOR BATTALION.

5. ~~(C/NF)~~ (b)(1); (b)(3); 50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1); (b)(3); 50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c) MARQUEZ HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT OUT OF THE COUNTRY LAST DECEMBER BECAUSE OF HIS ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITY, SO HE WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED ON ANY LIST FOR TRANSFER OR REMOVAL. CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS COL FRANCISCO MORAN, DIRECTOR OF THE HYDROELECTRIC COMMISSION AND FORMER HEAD OF THE TREASURY POLICE. BECAUSE OF HIS RECENT POLITICKING MORAN'S CHANGE IN STATUS WILL PROBABLY BE DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF RATHER THAN THROUGH NORMAL MILITARY CHANNELS. THE RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF COMMANDERS ON THE MAY LIST MAY ASSUAGE THE FEARS OF SOME FOR THE TIME BEING. IN THE MIDTERM, HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF OTHER RIGHTIST OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN POLITICALLY ACTIVE AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS OR HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN DEATH SQUADS, OR BOTH, MAY ALSO BE REASSIGNED.