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EL SALVADOR: More Political Problems

*Friction is evident again between President Duarte's Christian Democrats and the vital business and military sectors.* [REDACTED]

//Christian Democratic Party leaders claim party members are being murdered by security forces personnel. The party leaders believe Treasury Police personnel were responsible for several killings last month. They plan to ask for the sacking of the police chief, following the reported reassignment of three extremist military officers. One prominent Christian Democrat attributes much of the renewed repression to the extremists' belief that they can act without fear of complaints from the US.// [REDACTED]

//These problems add to the enormity of the task confronting the Christian Democrats. Despite the successes to date of the counterinsurgency effort, the insurgents have disrupted telephone communications between El Salvador and over a third of the country's some 270 municipal districts.// [REDACTED]

//The guerrillas also have destroyed 39 municipal office buildings. Insurgents move freely in some of the capital's outlying districts, especially after dark, and can conscript young recruits, collect war taxes, and mount demonstrations.// [REDACTED]

The junta's efforts to win support abroad continue to have mixed results. The government envoy who toured West European capitals in the past two months says he was well received. He also noted that the government's missions abroad have no ability to carry out effective propaganda efforts. [REDACTED]

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