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Mexico: New Police Unit

The Echeverria government, alarmed by recent killings and kidnapings by the 23rd of September Communist League, has created a new police unit with special enforcement powers to deal with terrorism.

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President Echeverria's decision to set up the unit reflects his concern over the terrorism problem. The 23rd of September organization [REDACTED] has killed [REDACTED] policemen in Mexico City since the first of the year and kidnaped the Belgian ambassador's daughter.

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The government is worried that the League will try to interfere with the presidential elections to be held on July 4. Its fears were reinforced last week by wall slogans, painted by a group of ~~APPROVED FOR RELEASE~~ people, promising that the League would disrupt the ~~DATE: JUN 2000~~ of the elections." [REDACTED]

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