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**CHILE: Confrontation Possible**

The arrests yesterday of hundreds of residents of a large working class district in Santiago may provoke further violence. According to press reports, government troops sealed off the district, which is known for antiregime militancy. Meanwhile, [redacted] moderate and radical leftist opposition leaders who are responsible for organizing the protest scheduled for 27-28 November hope to close down the capital but avoid major street demonstrations. [redacted] the government to detain the organizers and to react vigorously if demonstrations occur. [redacted]

**Comment:** The neighborhood sweep, the second in a week, is intended to round up local political activists and intimidate slum dwellers. Nevertheless, violence may increase, particularly if local priests and leaders are encouraged to play a more direct role in protest activity by the Archbishop of Santiago's strong criticism of the state of siege. [redacted]

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