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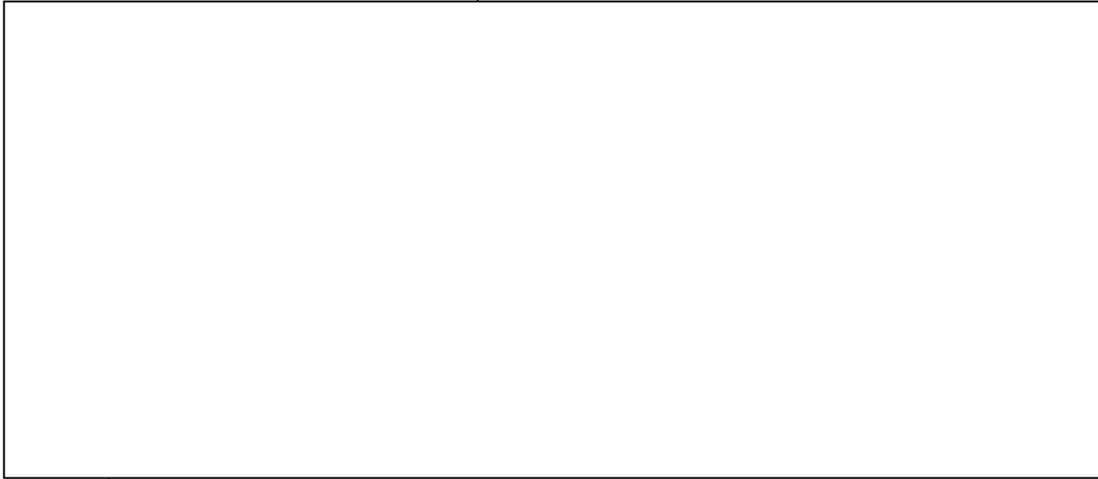
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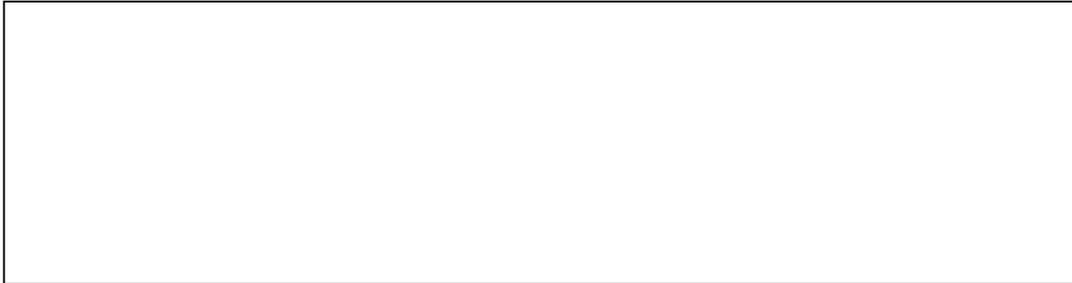
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NOEL DE JESUS BETETA ALVAREZ, IMPRISONED FOR 30 YEARS FOR THE KILLING OF GUATEMALAN POLITICAL ACTIVIST AND ANTHROPOLOGIST MYRNA MACK CHANG, WAS TRANSFERRED TO A POLICE HOSPITAL ON SATURDAY AFTER A SECOND SUICIDE ATTEMPT.

- FOLLOWING HIS FIRST ALLEGED ATTEMPT, BETETA DENIED HAVING TRIED TO TAKE HIS OWN LIFE. POLICE REPORTEDLY FOUND HIM THE SECOND TIME TRYING TO HANG HIMSELF IN HIS CELL. LATE SUNDAY, BETETA WAS MOVED BACK TO THE ZONE 18 CENTRAL PENITENTIARY.

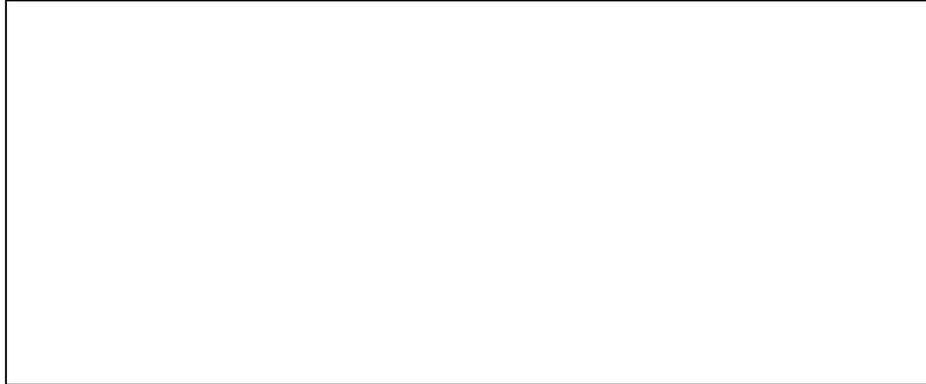


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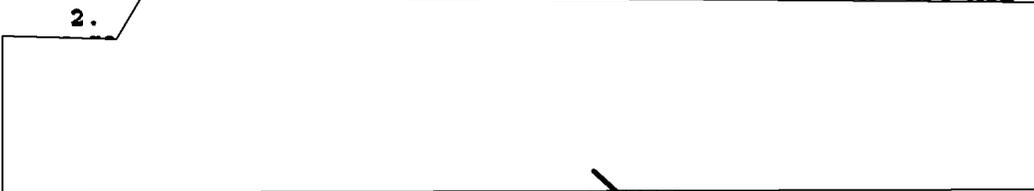


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