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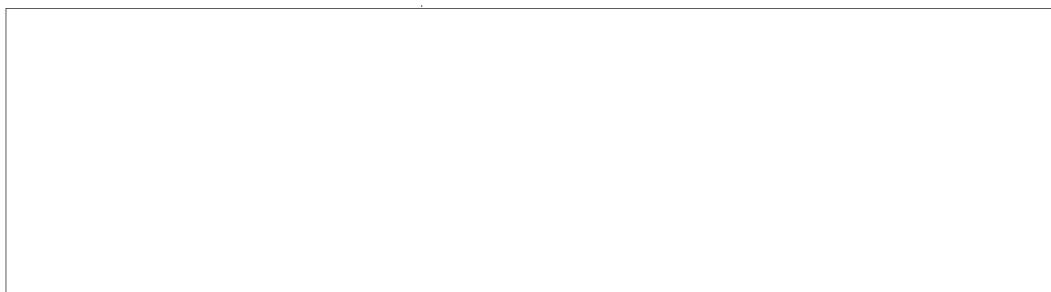
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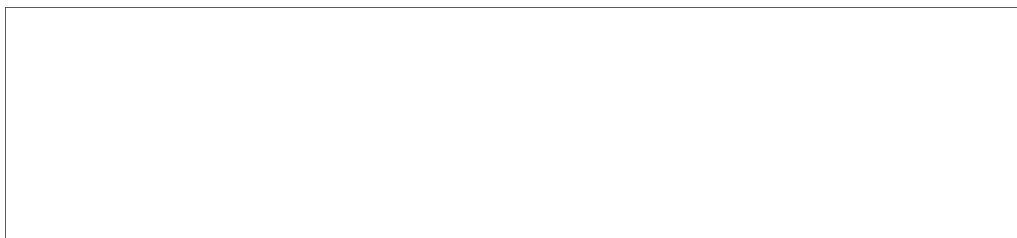
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Portuguese Guinea: Insurgent movement  
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The African Party for the Independence of Guinea and the Cape Verde Islands has announced the election of top leaders during a party congress held in the "liberated zone" of Portuguese Guinea earlier this month. This is the second election in party history and the first since the assassination of rebel leader Amilcar Cabral in January 1973. Aristides Pereira has been named Secretary General, the top party post. Other key figures elected to a four-man Permanent Secretariat were Luiz Cabral, Francisco Mendes, and Joao Bernardo Vieira. All except Vieira, who is a black Portuguese Guinean, are Cape Verdean mulattoes.

The assassination of Cabral is believed to have resulted from increasing friction between Cape Verdeans--predominant in the political leadership--and black Portuguese Guineans who resented being relegated primarily to military roles. There had also been indications of discontent among military commanders over their lack of influence in decision-making. Until these disputes could be resolved and a new permanent leadership chosen under calmer circumstances, Aristides Pereira, a Cape Verdian [REDACTED] (b)(1)

[REDACTED] was appointed acting secretary general. The recent election seems to indicate that the leadership problems have been resolved for the time being, possibly as a result of the improvement in the rebel military position in recent months. (b)(3)

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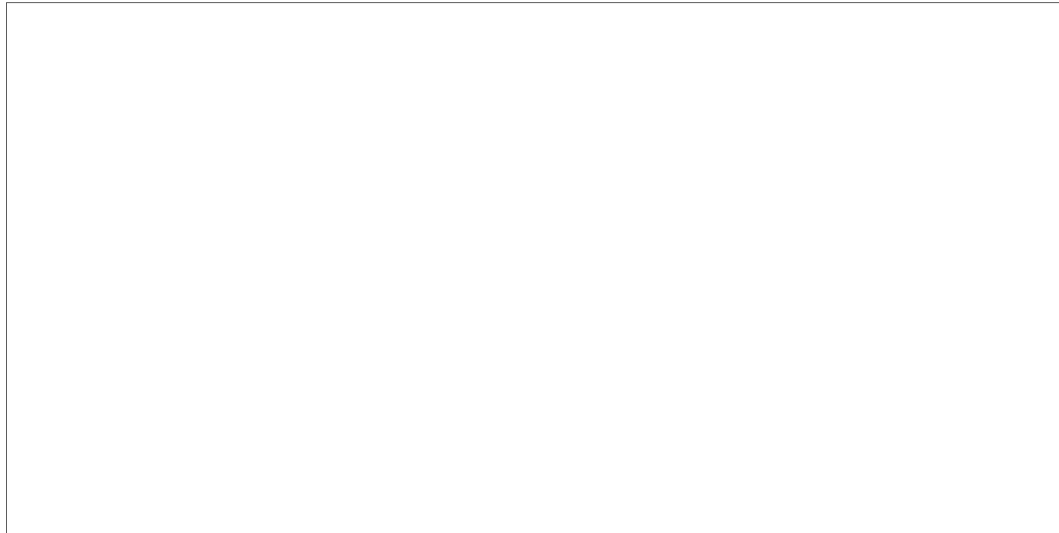
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