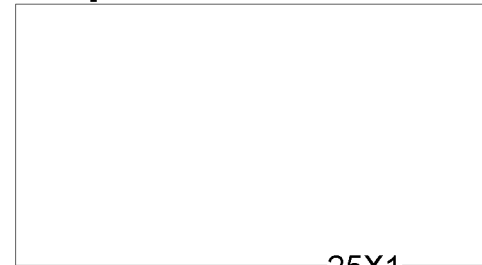




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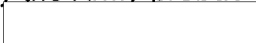
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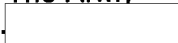
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GUATEMALA: Army Success Delays Guerrillas

Extensive sweep operations by the Army probably have delayed the insurgents' planned offensive. 

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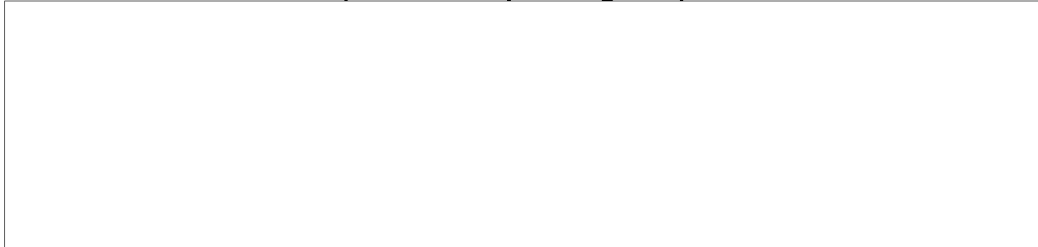
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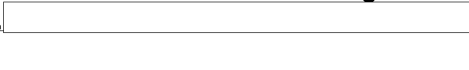
The Army late last month overran a large guerrilla base in San Marcos Department run jointly by the two largest insurgent groups. It reportedly served as a major logistics and training center. The Army claims to have inflicted heavy casualties on the insurgents. 




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Earlier, the Army launched a sweep along the Mexican border in an unsuccessful attempt to intercept a large shipment of arms



Comment: The renewed sweep operations probably helped to disrupt guerrilla plans to prevent President Rios Montt from lifting the state of siege last month. In addition, 

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The insurgents appear to be cooperating more closely, however, and they are intent on conducting new attacks to demonstrate they have not been defeated. 

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CHAD: Government Deployments

The rapid buildup of forces in northern Chad makes a resumption of clashes likely, despite the UN Security Council's statement this week calling on Chad and Libya to resolve their differences peacefully. [Redacted]

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The Security Council's statement appeals to the two countries to make the fullest use of the OAU. Nonaligned members of the Council resisted intense Soviet and Libyan pressure to block the statement.

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Chadian President Habre continues to reinforce his strongholds at Faya-Largeau and Fada and is moving to establish forward bases nearer the Libyan-backed dissidents' positions. Government officials claim to have deployed almost 5,000 troops in the north and say they have started patrolling the area.

[Redacted] lack of pay is causing morale problems, particularly among southern troops reluctant to fight in the north.

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[Redacted] According to Chadian officials, the rebel force at Ounianga Kebir is plagued by desertions and severe internal dissension.

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Comment: The Security Council statement sets a precedent for Council involvement. Strong Nonaligned support may encourage Chad to return to the Council to focus international attention on Libya's activities. Prospects for any OAU success on this issue are bleak, however, because of disarray in the organization.

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With the UN vote over and the rainy season approaching, Habre is likely to move on the dissidents soon. Both sides are aware that the resupply of Faya-Largeau and Fada by land will be difficult after the May rains begin. The careful step-by-step buildup by Habre's forces contrasts with their often impulsive tactics of the past and increases their prospects for successfully engaging the Libyan-backed rebels.

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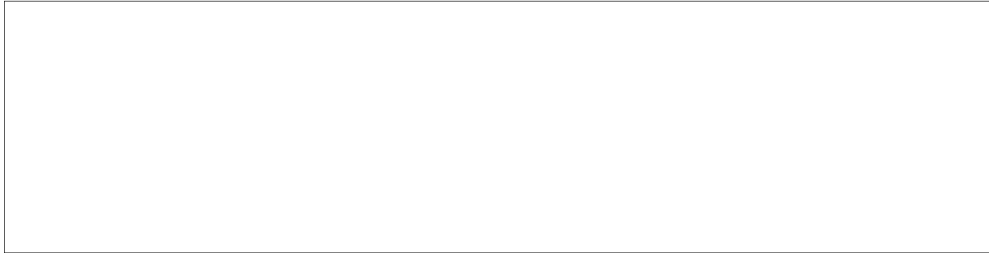


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IRAN-IRAQ: Policies on Oil Spill

Both Iran and Iraq are primarily concerned with advancing war-related goals in dealing with the oil spill in the Persian Gulf. 


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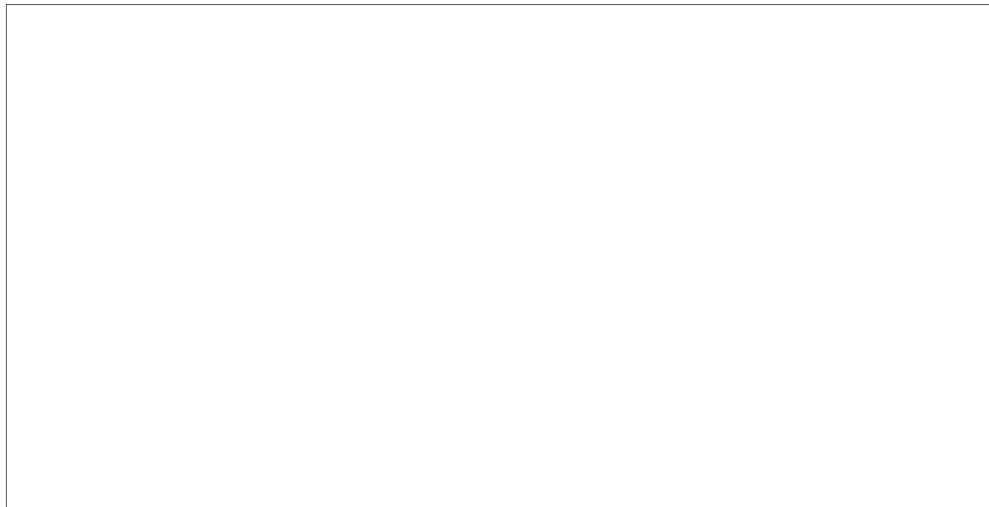
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An estimated 4,000 to 5,000 barrels a day continue to flow from the damaged oil platforms. Some reports put the current dimensions of the slick at several kilometers wide and more than 200 kilometers long. Shifting winds so far have kept the oil from coming ashore in large quantities, but the slick has reached as far south as the United Arab Emirates. 


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The latest round of talks among the eight states of the Persian Gulf affected by the slick adjourned without an agreement yesterday. The representatives are to reconvene next Wednesday. 

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The slick still threatens to disrupt the operation of vital desalination plants in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, and the UAE. In addition, normal transshipments of goods could be affected if the main body of the slick approaches harbor areas. 

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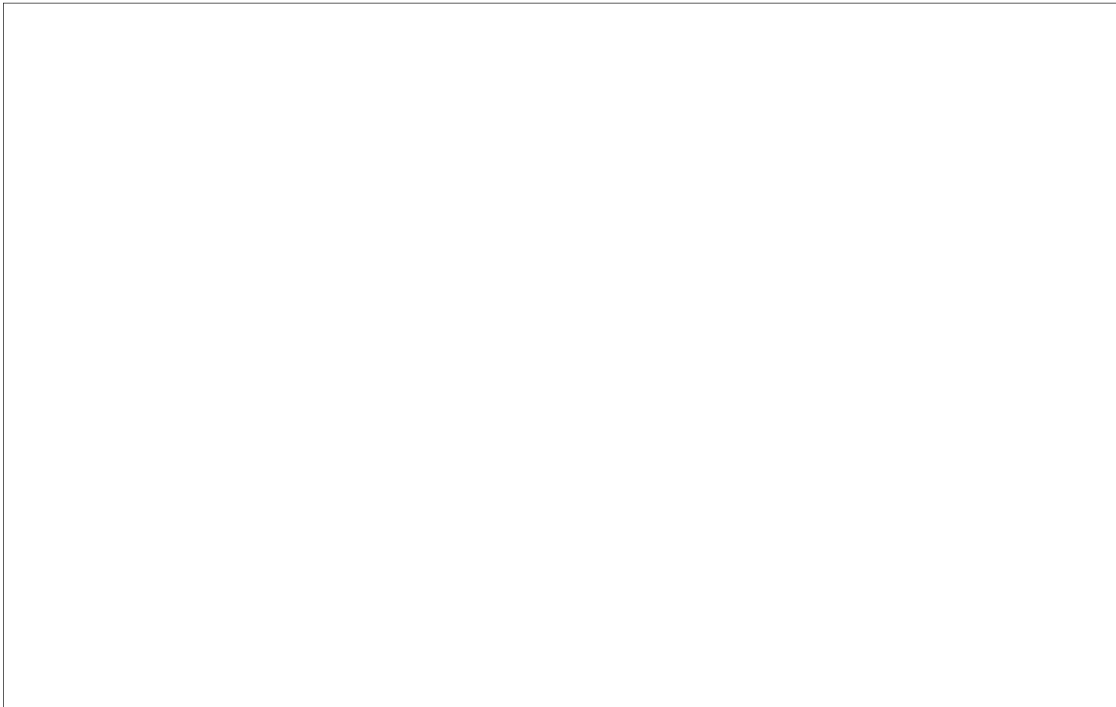


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EL SALVADOR: Insurgent Leader Killed

The murder of Salvadoran insurgent leader Melida Anaya Montes—known as Ana Maria—in Nicaragua on Wednesday may have been the result of factional rivalry within her guerrilla organization. She was the second-ranking commander of the largest and most militant insurgent group in El Salvador, the Farabundo Marti Popular Liberation Forces. Last year there were reports that she was trying to seize leadership of the organization. [Redacted]

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Ana Maria was considered more moderate than Cayetano Carpio, the titular head of the organization. She had supported closer cooperation with less hardline insurgent groups. In April 1981 she was criticized by Carpio for publicly advocating negotiations with the Salvadoran Government. [Redacted]

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NICARAGUA-UN: Proposal for a Conference

Nicaraguan Deputy Foreign Minister Tinoco has called on the UN Security Council to authorize Secretary General Perez de Cuellar to arrange a Latin American peace conference in the UN. He also proposed bilateral talks between Nicaragua and the US and between Nicaragua and Honduras.

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Comment: The request is likely to touch off a jurisdictional controversy between the OAS and the UN over sponsorship of a peace conference. Nicaragua will try to use the UN to head off efforts to gain OAS endorsement of a conference of Central American states. Recent support of Nicaragua in Security Council debates from Nonaligned members, plus the USSR and China, indicates Nicaragua may be close to achieving a majority in favor of further action by the Council.

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Special Analysis

USSR-WESTERN EUROPE: Impact of Expulsion of Soviets

The recent arrests and expulsions of numerous Soviet intelligence officers from Western Europe will deal an immediate, serious blow to the USSR's clandestine collection of technology and other information and to its covert action efforts. Although Moscow probably will retaliate to some degree, in doing so it will try to limit the damage to its major objectives in Western Europe, primarily the prevention of INF deployments. [redacted]

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UNCODED:he well-publicized expulsions [redacted] UNCODEDSoviets within the past two weeks by France, Spain, and the UK, [redacted]

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The Soviets are particularly anxious to cultivate a favorable reputation in Western Europe at this time, with NATO's initial INF deployments looming and with Soviet-US relations at low ebb. Moscow already is attempting to portray the arrests and expulsions as a result of a US-arranged campaign in order to absolve the Europeans of some responsibility and to justify continued good relations. [redacted]

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Effect on Collection

A significant number of the Soviet intelligence officers had been collecting sensitive technological information, much of it military related. [redacted]

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[redacted] When the 47 Soviets were expelled from France last Tuesday, the French Interior Ministry announced that the USSR was systematically seeking "scientific, technical, and technological information, particularly in the military domain." [redacted]

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Unless the West Europeans keep a watchful eye on Soviet intelligence activities, however, the impact of the expulsions on the USSR's clandestine collection of technology probably will be of limited duration.

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Soviet Retaliation

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[Redacted] The Soviet Embassy in Paris warned the French Government publicly that it bore full responsibility for the consequences of the mass expulsion.

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The USSR almost certainly will expel some West European officials, as it has done in past similar situations. It is unlikely, however, to take such drastic actions that Western governments would reconsider the very basis of their relations with Moscow or, at the very least, that would invite further large-scale expulsions.

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Impact on Anti-INF Campaign

The Soviets would like to put the expulsions affair behind them quickly. It restricts intelligence collection, and it damages the picture of a responsible, peace-loving USSR that Moscow is especially anxious to present to the West Europeans this year.

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The Soviets appear to be at pains to reassure the West Europeans that they will not allow the expulsions to damage relations over the long term. [Redacted]

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At present, the Soviets appear to see no immediate threat to their anti-INF campaign in the West, although they presumably are upset about the positive reaction thus far to the new US proposal on INF. They suspect that the proposal was timed before Easter to reduce participation in demonstrations in Western Europe. [Redacted]

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Nevertheless, the Soviets were pleased by those demonstrations and will encourage a steady growth of opposition to INF as the date for the initial NATO deployments approaches. The tone of Foreign Minister Gromyko's public rejection last weekend of the US offer of an interim solution suggests Moscow has decided to tough it out, hoping a hard line will force a last-minute collapse of NATO's consensus on deployment without any compromise of Moscow's INF position. [Redacted]

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