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Charge CIA killed Salva reb leader



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Managua, Nicaragua (UPI)—Salvadoran guerrillas charged yesterday that a United States Central Intelligence Agency hit squad assassinated the second ranking commander of a Salvadoran rebel group in her Managua residence. Police said they had no leads in the case.

Melidia Anaya Montes, 54, was found dead Wednesday in a Managua home used as a "safe house" by Salvadoran guerrillas, police said.

Anaya, known as "Commander Ana Maria," was second in command of the Salvadoran Popular Liberation Forces, the most radical of the five-group

Salvadoran guerrilla coalition, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, known as the FMLN.

Nicaraguans, shouting "Death to the imperialist aggressors," demonstrated in the streets Wednesday night to protest the killing, burning piles of rubber tires, the official Voice of Nicaragua radio said.

The FMLN communique released in Managua said Miss Anaya had been "carrying out international missions" of the guerrilla group, which is fighting the U.S.-backed government in El Salvador.

"This treacherous crime carried out by sinister bands of the CIA demonstrates the desperation of the imperialist aggressors," it said. "The government of the United States will spare no resource or means to carry out its macabre plans."

MANY TOP SALVADORAN guerrillas live in Nicaragua, run by a leftist government with close ties to Cuba and the Soviet Union. Nicaragua is separated from El Salvador by a narrow strip of Honduran territory.

Nicaragua said it gives only political support to the Salvadoran rebels, while Washington claims Cuba and the Soviet Union funnel weapons and supplies to the guerrillas through Nicaragua.

Police said they had no leads on the killing of Miss Anaya.

Meanwhile, fighting was reported yesterday all along the southwest half of the Nicaragua-Honduras border and at the northeast end. Government military sources said the anti-Sandinista exiles have killed about 150 soldiers in two months of warfare, nearly twice the number officially admitted by the government.

Both the rebels and the government reported fighting for the first time in a year in Madriz and Chinandega provinces. Government sources said intense fighting continued in Nueva Segovia, Jinotega and Matagalpa provinces, along the southwest part of the border, and in Zelaya province at the northeast end.

The rebels claimed 43 Sandinista troops were killed in two attacks in Chinandega, 100 miles northwest of Managua, while government sources reported "numerous rebel casualties" in Zelaya.