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FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE:

1. [Text] Salvadoran Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas has again reported that he has received death threats through his secretaries or the archbishopric's cooks, "but, in this regard, I feel reassured and I am in God's hands," the pastor said.
2. Nevertheless, he acknowledged that the persecution against the church in general has decreased, although this does not mean it has disappeared. He recalled that many priests have died in the last 10 years, including an archbishop, "but martyrs' blood is Christians' seed," Rivera y Damas said.
3. The archbishop said that he received many complaints because of the church's stance on the Jesuits' assassination, but today "everyone knows that the archbishopric was right in pointing out where it believed the assassins were located. This assumption was confirmed by President Cristiani who, in keeping his promise to carry out a thorough investigation, has earned the world's recognition."
4. In another part of his homily, he stated: "Being a bishop of a nation that has suffered the scourge of a fratricidal war for 10 years implies having mercy for human suffering above and beyond political, economic, and ideological considerations; and that is a commitment we cannot give up."
5. The archbishop said that one of the church's most important events this week is the episcopal conference of El Salvador, which concluded with an appeal for peace; and the arraignment of the military officers accused of the Jesuits' death.
6. The meeting was held with special interest, particularly as it was revealed that the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) sent a letter to the bishops asking for the church's mediation in its efforts to renew the dialogue.
7. "I believe that Cristiani's meeting with the UN secretary general and the FMLN's meeting with the same official are important," Msgr. Rivera y Damas said. He insisted: "We have to end

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this war in a rational way, through a dialogue, before the war ends us."

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