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EL SALVADOR: RIVERA Y DAMAS SAYS TALKS WITH REBELS 'FRUITFUL'

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(TEXT) SAN SALVADOR, 16 OCT (ACAM-EFE) -- PRESIDENT
JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE'S DAUGHTER MIGHT BE RELEASED DURING THE
NEXT HOURS OR DAYS, IT WAS ASSERTED TODAY BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF
SAN SALVADOR.

ARTURO RIVERA Y DAMAS REVEALED TO VARIOUS JOURNALISTS THAT
HE MET YESTERDAY WITH SIX GUERRILLA LEADERS ON THE ROAD TO
SUCHITOTO, NORTH OF THIS CAPITAL, ACCOMPANIED BY IGNACIO
FELLACURIA, RECTOR OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (UCA).

THE PRELATE SAID THAT THE SIX REBEL LEADERS REPRESENTED THE
FIVE GROUPS WHICH COMPRISE THE FMLN AND THE CONVERSATION "WAS
FRUITFUL, SO IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE RELEASE COULD TAKE PLACE
WITHIN THE NEXT HOURS OR DAYS.

RIVERA Y DAMAS ALSO MET WITH REBEL LEADERS LAST SUNDAY IN
NORTHERN CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT WITH THE INTENTION OF ACTING
AS MEDIATOR IN 35-YEAR-OLD INES GUADALUPE DUARTE'S KIDNAPPING,
WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST 10 SEPTEMBER IN THIS CAPITAL.

EVEN THOUGH THE FMLN HAS NOT PUBLICLY CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE KIDNAPPING OF DUARTE'S DAUGHTER, IT HAS ADMITTED TO THE
CHURCH THAT IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTION; THIS WAS STATED
YESTERDAY BY GREGORIO ROSAS CHAVEZ, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SAN
SALVADOR.

THE REBELS ARE DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF 34 FMLN MEMBERS WHO
ARE REPORTEDLY IN PRISON, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RELEASE OF
DUARTE'S DAUGHTER AND A FELLOW STUDENT WHO WAS KIDNAPPED THE SAME
DAY.

DUARTE HELD A CONVERSATION WITH THE KIDNAPPERS OVER THE RADIO
2 WEEKS AGO, AND ASSERTED THAT HE WAS WILLING TO RELEASE 22 OF THE
GUERRILLA MEMBERS WHO ARE STILL IN PRISON.

RIVERA Y DAMAS REVEALED TODAY THAT NINE REBELS WHO ARE IN
THE KIDNAPPERS' LIST ARE REPORTED MISSING, INCLUDING YANETH
SAMOUR (COMMANDER FILOMENA), WHO WAS CAPTURED WITH MAXIMINA
REYES ON 30 DECEMBER IN EASTERN SAN MIGUEL DEPARTMENT.

THE ARCHBISHOP SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS REPORTED IT DOES
NOT KNOW WHERE YANETH SAMOUR IS, AND A FILE HAS BEEN OPENED FOR
EACH ONE OF THE NINE CASES, WHICH ARE BEING INVESTIGATED BY A
SPECIAL COMMISSION.

RIVERA Y DAMAS DID NOT PROVIDE DETAILS CONCERNING THE MEMBERS
OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMISSION BECAUSE, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT
SHOULD GIVE THESE DETAILS.

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