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EL SALVADOR: BISHOP PREDICTS WAVE OF REPRISALS

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(TEXT) PANAMA CITY, 4 OCT (ACAN-EFE) -- A SALVADORAN BISHOP ASSERTED TODAY THAT A "WAVE OF REPRISALS MIGHT BE UNLEASHED" IN HIS COUNTRY IF THE TACIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES "OF NOT TOUCHING THE RELATIVES OF THE PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE STRUGGLE" IS NOT RESPECTED. ||

SAN SALVADOR AUXILIARY BISHOP MSGR GREGORIO ROSAS CHAVEZ WAS REFERRING TO THE KIDNAPPING OF PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE'S DAUGHTER, PRESUMABLY PERPETRATED BY A GUERRILLA GROUP.

ROSAS CHAVEZ PARTICIPATED IN A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN EPISCOPAL SECRETARIAT, WHICH BEGAN LAST WEDNESDAY AND CONCLUDED TODAY IN THIS CAPITAL, AND INCLUDED THE PARTICIPATION OF BISHOPS FROM THE REGION.

THIRTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD INES GUADALUPE DUARTE WAS KIDNAPPED LAST 10 SEPTEMBER ALONG WITH A CLASSMATE, AND HER KIDNAPPERS HAVE OFFERED TO EXCHANGE HER FOR 34 GUERRILLA MEMBERS WHO ARE IN PRISON, ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL SOURCES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN REFUTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

EVEN THOUGH NO REBEL GROUP HAS PUBLICLY CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KIDNAPPING, "IT IS AN OPEN SECRET" THAT THE AUTHORS ARE MEMBERS OF A GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, AS STATED BY BISHOP ROSAS CHAVEZ TO ACAN-EFE.

"IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE GUERRILLA GROUPS DID IT," THE SALVADORAN BISHOP ASSERTED. ||

ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE, THE BISHOPS STUDIED VARIOUS RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL MATTERS DURING THE MEETING, AND "ANALYZED THE SITUATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES CONCERNING RELIGIOUS MATTERS AND OTHER AREAS AT NATIONAL LEVEL."

IN ADDITION TO ROSAS CHAVEZ, THE MEETING WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY THE ARCHBISHOPS OF SAN SALVADOR, GUATEMALA CITY, SAN JOSE, AND PANAMA CITY, ARTURO RIVERA Y DAMAS, PROSPERO PENADOS, ROMAN ARRIETA, AND MARCOS MCGRATH, RESPECTIVELY.

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