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EL SALVADOR: RIVERA Y DAMAS SAYS KIDNAPPING MAY HURT DIALOGUE

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((TEXT)) SAN SALVADOR, 15 SEP (ACAN-EFE) -- THE KIDNAPPING
OF THE DAUGHTER OF SALVADORAN PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE
COULD ACCENTUATE THE DETERIORATION OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT AND THE GUERRILLAS, RIURO RIVERA Y DAMAS, ARCHBISHOP
OF SAN SALVADOR, STATED TODAY.

INES GUADALUPE DUARTE, 35, WAS KIDNAPPED 5 DAYS AGO BY SEVERAL
ARMED MEN AND AS OF TODAY, NO ORGANIZATION HAS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR
THE KIDNAPPING.

RIVERA Y DAMAS SAID THAT IF THIS ACTION "IS FOR POLITICAL
REASONS, IT COULD ACCENTUATE THE DETERIORATION OF THE DIALOGUE,"
ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT STATE THAT THE GUERRILLAS HAD CARRIED OUT THE
KIDNAPPING.

GOVERNMENT AND REBEL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE MET TWICE TO ATTEMPT
TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE 5-YEAR-LONG WAR, BUT THE
NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN BLOCKED SINCE LATE LAST YEAR.

THE FMLN HAS NOT MADE ANY MENTION OF THE KIDNAPPING OF
PRESIDENT DUARTE'S DAUGHTER ON ITS OFFICIAL RADIO VENCEREMOS
AND RADIO FARABUNDO MARTI RADIO STATIONS.

RIVERA Y DAMAS SAID THAT WHEN THE CHURCH LEARNED OF THE
KIDNAPPING "IT ASKED GOD FOR A QUICK AND COMFORTING OUTCOME."

HE NOTED THAT THE CHURCH HAS WANTED THE SAME FOR ALL THE
SALVADORANS WHO ARE DEPRIVED OF THEIR LIBERTY, BE IT FOR POLITICAL
OR ECONOMIC REASONS, AS IS THE CASE OF 13 MAYORS WHO HAVE BEEN HELD
BY THE REBELS SINCE LAST MAY.

"THE CHURCH CONDEMNS ANY ACT OF KIDNAPPING, REGARDLESS OF THE
REASON, AND EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN OVER THE REPETITION OF SUCH ACTS,
WHICH SIGNIFY A DISDAIN FOR HUMAN DIGNITY," THE ARCHBISHOP ADDED.

RIVERA Y DAMAS SAID THAT THE "5 LONG YEARS OF USELESS CIVIL
WAR" IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE RESULTED IN ARRESTS, KIDNAPPINGS,
CONFRONTATIONS, BOMBINGS, KILLINGS, AND DAMAGE TO THE
INFRASTRUCTURE -- A SITUATION THAT HAS LEFT THOUSANDS OF DEAD,
REFUGEES, HOMELESS, WIDOWS, ORPHANS, AND HANDICAPPED.

TODAY'S MASS AT THE SISTINE CATHEDRAL IN THE CAPITAL IN
COMMEMORATION OF THE 164TH ANNIVERSARY OF CENTRAL AMERICAN
INDEPENDENCE, WAS ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE,
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATIC CORPS REPRESENTATIVES, AND OTHER
PERSONALITIES.

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