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EL SALVADOR: KIDNAPPING NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BECOME 'COMPLICATED'

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BUENOS AIRES REUTER IN ENGLISH TO REUTER LONDON 1950 GHT
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((TEXT)) SAN SALVADOR, OCT 19 REUTER -- NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE AND LEFTIST GUERRILLAS --
HOLDING HIS KIDNAPPED DAUGHTER HAVE COMPLICATED, DASHING HOPES
THAT THE WOMAN COULD BE RELEASED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, INFORMED
SOURCES SAID TODAY.

ACCORDING TO THE SOURCES, WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED, THE
GUERRILLAS HAVE HARDENED THEIR DEMANDS AFTER REACHING AN
AGREEMENT EARLIER THIS WEEK TO FREE INES GUADALUPE DUARTE
DURAN AND A FRIEND CAPTURED ALONG WITH HER MORE THAN FIVE WEEKS AGO.

"EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SENT TO HELL," ONE SOURCE CLOSE TO THE
NEGOTIATIONS TOLD REUTERS, REFERRING TO THE DEAL TO RELEASE
21 REBELS FROM GOVERNMENT JAILS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE TWO WOMEN.

ON WEDNESDAY, ONE DAY AFTER MEETING WITH TOP GUERRILLA LEADERS
OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL TO RESOLVE THE CASE, SALVADOREAN ARCHBISHOP
ARTURO RIVERA Y DAMAS TOLD REPORTERS NEGOTIATIONS WERE CLOSE TO
AN END AND THAT THE WOMEN COULD BE RELEASED THIS WEEK.

BUT ONE SOURCE SAID THE REBELS NOW ARE INSISTING THAT THEY
WILL NOT RELEASE DUARTE DURAN UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT COMPLETES STEPS
ON A SEPARATE BUT RELATED EXCHANGE OF 23 TOWN MAYORS HELD BY THE
REBELS FOR THE SAFE CONDUCT OF SOME 100 DISABLED GUERRILLA
COMBATANTS TO RECEIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.

THE SOURCE ADDED THAT THE REBELS WANTED THE ENTIRE EXCHANGE FOR
THE MAYORS, THE DISABLED, THE 21 GUERRILLA PRISONERS AND DUARTE
DURAN TO TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY.

ACCORDING TO SOURCES CLOSE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT
AND GUERRILLAS AGREED EARLIER THIS WEEK TO SEPARATE THE CASE OF THE
MAYORS FROM THE DUARTE DURAN KIDNAPPING.

THEY SAID THE DEAL WORKED OUT WITH THE GUERRILLAS BY
ARCHBISHOP RIVERA Y DAMAS WAS TO FIRST EXCHANGE THE 21 REBEL

PRISONERS FOR DUARTE DURAN AND HER FRIEND.

SHORTLY AFTER, IN WHAT WOULD BE PRESENTED AS A BILATERAL
HUMANITARIAN GESTURE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LET THE DISABLED OUT
OF THE COUNTRY AND THE GUERRILLAS WOULD FREE THE MAYORS.

ACCORDING TO ONE WELL-PLACED SOURCE, THE GUERRILLAS ARE NOW
ALSO DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF A NUMBER OF LEFTIST UNION LEADERS
FROM GOVERNMENT JAILS AS WELL AS THE EXODUS OF THE DISABLED. IN
RETURN, THEY WOULD FREE THE MAYORS AND THE TWO WOMEN, THE SOURCES
SAID.

SOME OF THE UNION LEADERS WHO FREEDOM WAS ASKED FOR BY THE
GUERRILLAS WERE NOT IN GOVERNMENT HANDS, FURTHER COMPLICATING
THE POSSIBILITY OF A QUICK SOLUTION TO THE DUARTE DURAN CASE,
ONE SOURCE SAID.

DIPLOMATS AND THE INFORMED SOURCES SAID AN EXCHANGE OF THAT
MAGNITUDE IN ONE-DAY AS THE GUERRILLAS HAVE DEMANDED WOULD BE
DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE THE PEOPLE CONCERNED WERE
LOCATED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

ONE SOURCE CLOSE TO THE GOVERNMENT SAID DUARTE WAS GOING TO
INSIST THAT THE GUERRILLAS STICK TO THE ORIGINAL DEAL.

PRESIDENT DUARTE TOLD A GROUP OF REPORTERS ON THURSDAY THAT
DESPITE RIVERA Y DAMAS CLAIMS THAT A DEAL HAD REACHED BETWEEN
THE GUERRILLAS AND THE GOVERNMENT TO FREE HIS DAUGHTER, HE HAD NO
INFORMATION SHE WOULD BE FREED SOON.

"I HOPE THE OPTIMISM OF THE BISHOP IS CORRECT," DUARTE SAID.
"I HOPE THAT I COULD HAVE MY DAUGHTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE... BUT
I STILL DO NOT KNOW."

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