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REF PA221331 PANAMA CITY EXTRA SPANISH 22 OCT -- PANAMA MAY ACCEPT
SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS IN DUARTE KIDNAP DEAL

EL SALVADOR: AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY REACHED FOR DUARTE RELEASE

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((TEXT)) SAN SALVADOR, OCT 22, REUTER -- THE SALVADOREAN
GOVERNMENT AND LEFTIST GUERRILLAS REPORTEDLY REACHED
AN AGREEMENT TODAY TO RESOLVE THE SIX-WEEK-OLD KIDNAPPING OF
PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE'S DAUGHTER, SOURCES CLOSE TO
THE NEGOTIATIONS SAID.

THEY SAID TWO TOP GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND TWO REBEL
SPOKESMEN HAD SIGNED AN AGREEMENT IN PANAMA CITY THIS MORNING
TO FREE INES GUADALUPE DUARTE DURAN AND A FRIEND WITHIN
THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT WERE NOT IMMEDIATELY KNOWN BUT ONE
SOURCE SAID THE ARRANGEMENTS WERE MEDIATED BY SALVADOREAN
ARCHBISHOP ARTURO RIVERA DAMAS AND HEAD OF THE PANAMANIAN
NATIONAL GUARD MANUEL NORIEGA.

SOURCES PRESENT AT THE MEETING WHO CONTACTED REPORTERS
HERE BY TELEPHONE SAID PART OF THE DEAL INVOLVED RELEASING
21 REBEL PRISONERS FROM GOVERNMENT JAILS AND THE GOVERNMENT
GIVING SAFE CONDUCT TO SOME 100 DISABLED REBELS NOW IN GUERRILLA
HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO LEAVE EL SALVADOR FOR
MEDICAL TREATMENT IN EUROPE.

THE DEAL, REACHED BY DUARTE AID ABRAHAM RODRIGUEZ AND
COMMUNICATIONS AND CULTURE MINISTER JULIO REY PRENDES FOR
THE GOVERNMENT AND SALVADOR SAMAYCA AND MARIO AGUIADA FOR
THE GUERRILLAS, FOLLOWED A DOWNTURN IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR

DUARTE DURAN'S FREEDOM LAST WEEK.
ACCORDING TO SOURCES, THE GUERRILLAS INCREASED THEIR
DEMANDS AFTER A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT TO FREE THE 21 REBELS
IN EXCHANGE FOR DUARTE DURAN AND HER FRIEND HAD BEEN REACHED.
THE SOURCES SAID THE REBELS ALSO WANTED TO INCLUDE THE
DISABLED REBELS AND SOME UNION LEADERS HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT
IN THE DEAL AND IN RETURN THEY WOULD ALSO RELEASE 23 MAYORS WHO
HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED BY THE REBELS OVER THE LAST FIVE MONTHS.
THE SOURCES CLOSE TO TODAY'S NEGOTIATIONS SAID THEY WERE NOT
SURE IF THE MAYORS WERE ALSO INVOLVED IN THE NEW AGREEMENT.
ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATS AND GOVERNMENT SOURCES, IF DUARTE
CANNOT ARRANGE THE RELEASE OF THE MAYORS AS WELL AS THE FREEDOM
OF HIS DAUGHTER TO EVEN OUT THE NUMBERS HE COULD FACE A HUGE
POLITICAL CRISIS FROM THE MILITARY AND OPPOSITION POLITICAL
SECTORS ACCUSING HIM OF ACTING OUT OF PERSONAL CONCERNS AND NOT
NATIONAL INTERESTS.
RIGHTIST POLITICAL PARTIES AND BUSINESS SECTORS HAVE ALREADY
STARTED A CAMPAIGN IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AGAINST DUARTE FOR HAVING
NEGOTIATED WITH THE GUERRILLAS.
ACCORDING TO THE SOURCES, DUARTE DURAN AND THE GUERRILLAS
INVOLVED IN THE EXCHANGE COULD ALL BE RELEASED BY THURSDAY OR
FRIDAY AND THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY
BE INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTING THE GUERRILLAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY.
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