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ARMED FORCES SUPPORT DUARTE

EL SALVADOR: GOVERNMENT BREAKS SILENCE ON DUARTE KILLING

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((TEXT)) THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT HAS BROKEN ITS SILENCE WITH THE MEDIA, AND HAS REPORTED THAT CONTACTS WITH INES GUADALUPE DUARTE'S KIDNAPPERS CONTINUE ALTHOUGH NOT MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. THE GOVERNMENT DECISION HAS AN EXPLANATION. SPECULATION MUST NOT BE PERMITTED, AS IN THE CASE OF THOSE WHO DESCRIBE THE INCIDENTS AS A SELF-KIDNAPPING.

INES GUADALUPE DUARTE, PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE'S DAUGHTER, HAS BEEN HELD BY THE KIDNAPPERS FOR 17 DAYS; DURING THE FIRST DAYS THEY WERE SILENT ABOUT THEIR DEMANDS BUT ARE NOW ASKING FOR THE RELEASE OF 33 GUERRILLAS. IT IS PRESUMED THAT THE KIDNAPPERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE PEDRO PABLO CASTILLO FRONT, BUT SO FAR THERE HAS ONLY BEEN SPECULATION. THE FACT IS THAT INES GUADALUPE IS STILL BEING HELD, AND HER SITUATION IS A SOURCE OF GREAT WORRY TO HER FAMILY AND FOR ALL SALVADORANS.

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