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HUMBLE AND HARD-WORKING PEOPLE, SINCE THERE CANNOT BE A "HUMANIZATION OF THE CONFLICT" WHEN SOME PEOPLE ARE RELEASED AND OTHERS ARE HELD.

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YESTERDAY SOME RELATIVES OF THE KIDNAPPED OFFICIALS MADE TELEPHONE CALLS TO EL DIARIO DE HOY TO SAY THAT THEY HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THEIR LOVED ONES.

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EL SALVADOR: TERRORISTS FAIL TO RELEASE MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

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SAN SALVADOR EL DIARIO DE HOY IN SPANISH 26 OCT 85
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(TEXT) THE TERRORIST LEADERS HAVE GIVEN NO EXPLANATION ON THE NINE MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THEY WERE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF 38 PERSONS WHO WERE TO BE RELEASED BY THE TERRORISTS IN EXCHANGE FOR 22 SUBVERSIVES IN EL SALVADOR PRISONS.

AS HAS BEEN REPORTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING OF INES GUADALUPE DUARTE, THERE WERE NEGOTIATIONS THAT LED TO WHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED AS AN EXCHANGE. THE GOVERNMENT OFFERED THE RELEASE OF 22 TERRORISTS AND PERMISSION FOR 96 CRIPPLED GUERRILLAS WHO WERE IN THE MOUNTAINS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THE FMLN LEADERS PROMISED THAT THEY WOULD RELEASE INES DUARTE, HER FRIEND, AND 38 MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.

HOWEVER, THERE WAS GENERAL SURPRISE WHEN IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT THE TERRORISTS ONLY RELEASED 23 MAYORS AND DID NOT RELEASE 9 OTHERS (FIGURES AS PUBLISHED). ONE OF THE OFFICIALS WHO HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED IS JOSE ARTURO VELASQUEZ, ALDERMAN OF ULUAZAPA, SAN HIGUEL DEPARTMENT, WHO WAS KIDNAPPED ON 10 MARCH 1985 AND WHO WAS SEEN IN THE HANDS OF THE TERRORISTS IN PERQUIN. ANOTHER OFFICIAL IN THE SAME SITUATION IS JOSE SANTOS FRANCISCO FLOREZ, MAYOR OF CACAOPERA. OTHERS ARE CASIMIRO FUENTES, LUIS ALONSO RIOS, AND VICTOR MANUEL MELENDEZ, WHO ARE POLICEMEN OF CACAOPERA. THE OTHERS ARE JOSE RUFINO RAMOS, A DRIVER ALSO FROM CACAOPERA; AND PEDRO DUAZ AND REHE RAMOS, FROM CACAOPERA ALSO; AND VICTORIANO HERRERA, A FORMER MAYOR WHO WAS TAKEN BY FORCE FROM HIS HOME BY TERRORISTS.

THE RELATIVES OF THE PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED HAVE ASKED THOSE PERSONS WHO MEDIATED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, ESPECIALLY ARCHBISHOP RIVERA Y DAMAS AND PRIEST IGNACIO ELLACURIA, TO PROTEST STRONGLY BECAUSE THE AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN FULFILLED AND TO IMMEDIATELY MEET WITH THE INTERMEDIARIES IN PANAMA, ESPECIALLY WITH GENERAL NORIEGA.

THE RELATIVES HAVE ALSO ASKED PRESIDENT DUARTE TO MAKE EFFORTS TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, WHO ARE

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