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[REDACTED] FOLLOWING IS BRIEF BACKGROUNDER ON THE NATIONAL  
REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE PARTY (ARENA) AND ITS ASSOCIATION WITH  
RIGHT-WING DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITY. MAJOR ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)),  
ARENA'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND PARTY LEADER, IS A FORMER  
SALVADORAN ARMY MAJOR. PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS,  
D'AUBUISSON HEADED THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WAS FORMED  
TO DRAFT A CONSTITUTION FOR EL SALVADOR. WORKING FOR D'AUBUISSON  
AS HEAD OF THE CONSTITUTENT ASSEMBLY'S SECURITY WAS DR. HECTOR  
((REGALADO)), WHO CONCURRENTLY SERVED AS HEAD OF ARENA'S  
PARAMILITARY UNIT (THE GROUP FROM WHICH DEATH SQUAD MEMBERS  
ARE PRINCIPALLY DRAWN). THIS GROUP OF PARAMILITARY MEN COMPRISED  
THE SECURITY FORCE FOR THE CONSTITUTENT ASSEMBLY AND PROVIDED  
SECURITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ARENA FUNCTIONARIES INCLUDING D'AUBUISSON,  
AND ARENA PARTY HEADQUARTERS. DR. HECTOR REGALADO IS CHARGED  
WITH THE IMMEDIATE CONTROL OF THIS GROUP OF MEN. WHILE THE  
MAJORITY OF ARENA PARTY SUPPORTERS KNOW NOTHING OF ARENA'S  
INVOLVEMENT WITH DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITY, MAJOR D'AUBUISSON HAS

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BEEN IMPLICATED WITH DIRECT INVOLVEMENT THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES OF DR. REGALADO. ALL DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITY IN EL SALVADOR IS NOT DIRECTED BY THE RIGHT-WING POLITICAL FACTION. HISTORICALLY, THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN VIOLENCE-PRONE WITH NASTY TEMPER WHICH FLARE TO APPEASE PERSONAL AFFRONTS EITHER REAL OR IMAGINED WHICH HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS. THE LEFT AS WELL HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN KILLINGS FOR WHICH THE RIGHT HAS BEEN BLAMED AND VICE VERSA.

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