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EL SALVADOR: Probe of Terrorist Killings

President Duarte has urged his Defense Minister to order police and military units to cooperate more closely in investigating the terrorist massacre of US and Salvadoran citizens on 15 June. Meanwhile, the Salvadoran National Guard and Treasury Police last week captured two guerrillas who admitted involvement in the killings and identified others. [REDACTED] The attack had not been coordinated with guerrilla coalition leaders. [REDACTED]

Comment: Duarte's order comes in response to an apparent lack of collaboration among units charged with the investigation and indicates the government's concern that the often-competitive police and military agencies may be hampering the probe. Greater cooperation among the various agencies involved, together with the information from [REDACTED] could lead to further arrests. [REDACTED]

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