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THE RIOS MONTT GOVERNMENT REPEATEDLY HAS AGREED TO ALLOW INVESTIGATIONS OF ITS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. U.S. CITIZEN MICHAEL GLENN ERNEST AND MAGDALENA MONTEVERDE ASCANCIO WERE RELEASED 9 FEBRUARY 1983. THERE HAVE BEEN A TOTAL OF 15 EXECUTIONS AS OF THIS DATE. THE RIOS MONTT GOVERNMENT IS STRUGGLING WITH THE PROBLEM OF HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS WHILE FIGHTING A LEFTIST INSURGENCY. ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL CURRENT OBJECTIVES IS TO CONVINCING YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS WHO ARE IN THE FRONT LINES OF BATTLE THAT THEY MUST BE MORE SENSITIVE TO THE CIVILIAN INDIGENOUS POPULATION, MANY OF WHOM ARE GEOGRAPHICAL VICTIMS OF THE WAR.

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