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GUATEMALAN ARMY DECREE

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(SPECIAL BULLETIN)

(TEXT) THE GUATEMALAN ARMY, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC ORDER LAW, ADVISES THE GUATEMALAN PEOPLE:

THAT IN VIEW OF THE EVENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IT WILL ASSUME THE CONTROL OF THE CAPITAL CITY IN ORDER TO AVERT CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC DISTURBANCES, PILLAGE AND ACTS OF VANDALISM WHICH HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY IRRESPONSIBLE PERSONS.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MISSION IMPOSED ON IT BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SAFEGUARDING THE INTERIOR SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER, IT WILL TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR AVOIDING FURTHER MISFORTUNES AND THE ANARCHY WHICH IS DEEPLY DAMAGING THE GUATEMALAN FAMILY, ITS PERSONS, ITS PROPERTY AND ECONOMIC INTEREST. ON BEING ENTRUSTED WITH THE MISSION OF PRESERVING PUBLIC ORDER CONSCIOUS OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY, IT INVITES THE HONORABLE CITIZENS TO DEDICATE THEMSELVES WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO THEIR NORMAL ACTIVITIES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACTING WITH THE SERENITY REQUIRED BY CIRCUMSTANCES.

AND THAT IN ORDER FOR THE ARMY NOT TO BE OBLIGED TO TAKE EXTREME MEASURES IN CARRYING OUT ITS MISSION, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE HONORABLE CITIZENRY NOT SUPPORT EVEN WITH THEIR PRESENCE THE ACTS WHICH IMPERIL THE LIVES OF OUR BROTHER GUATEMALANS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENTS TO LEND THEIR COLLABORATION FOR PREVENTING THEIR SONS FROM JOINING THE PUBLIC DISORDERS, ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF INNOCENT CHILDREN.

BY VIRTUE OF THE FOREGOING THE ARMY RECOMMENDS CITIZENS HEED THE FOLLOWING DISPOSITIONS:

- 1--THE FORMING OF GROUPS IN STREETS, WHATEVER THEIR PURPOSE, IS CATEGORICALLY PROHIBITED.
- 2--THAT VEHICLES MUST TRAVEL AT A SPEED NOT TO EXCEED 30 KILOMETERS PER HOUR; THEY MUST NOT BLOCK TRAFFIC FOR ANY REASON.
- 3--THE DISPOSITIONS OF THE ARMY FOR MAINTAINING ORDER AND PROTECT THE LIVES OF THE CITIZENS MUST BE OBEYED.

FINALLY, THAT THE PROFESSIONALS, STUDENTS, WORKERS AND PEOPLE IN GENERAL THAT ARE NOW (PARTICIPATING) IN THE DISORDERS THROUGH THIS MEANS ARE APPEALED TO FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND GOOD WILL, SO THAT AS RESPONSIBLE PERSONS CONSCIOUS OF THE DANGEROUS SITUATION THE COUNTRY IS UNDERGOING, THEY CAN ALLAY THEIR PRESENT ATTITUDE FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF THE GUATEMALAN PEOPLE.

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