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1. ARMY OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED 2300 HOURS 29 MARCH: THAT IN EARLY HOURS SAME DAY REBEL FORCES HAD SEIZED PARKS IN SALAMA AND SAN GERON (DEPT OF BAJA VERAPAZ) CAPTURING THE DEPARTMENTAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITY INCLUDING A CONGRESSMAN, CUT TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH LINES MAKING AREA WITHOUT COMMUNICATION; THAT THE MILITARY COMMANDER OF THE FIRST ZONE (HEADQUARTERS AT GOBAN, ALTA VERAPAZ AND JURISDICTION ALTA AND BAJA VERAPAZ AND PETEN) DISPATCHED CONTINGENT OF TROOPS WHICH ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH THE REBELS ABOUT 1800 HOURS AFTER TRAVELING BY FOOT DUE ROAD BLOCKS; THAT AFTER BRIEF COMBAT THE PARK (PRESUMABLY SALAMA) WAS RECAPTURED WITH AID OF AIR FORCE, REBELS INCURRED SOME LOSSES AND SOME PRISONERS CAPTURED; THAT REMAINDER OF REBEL FORCES BEING PURSUE NEAR B AND THEIR CAPTURE IMMINENT; THAT NUMEROUS CITIZENS VOLUNTEERED COOPERATION WITH ARMY IF NECESSARY; THAT SITUATION COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY C IN ZONE OF DISTURBANCES AND COMPLETE PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY REIGN IN OF COUNTRY. SOURCE: PRESS.

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2. SITUATION OUTWARDLY NORMAL GUAT CITY ALTHOUGH ARMY AND POLICE
ON ALERT WITH LATTER CARRYING RIFLES INSTEAD OF CUSTOMARY PISTOLS.

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