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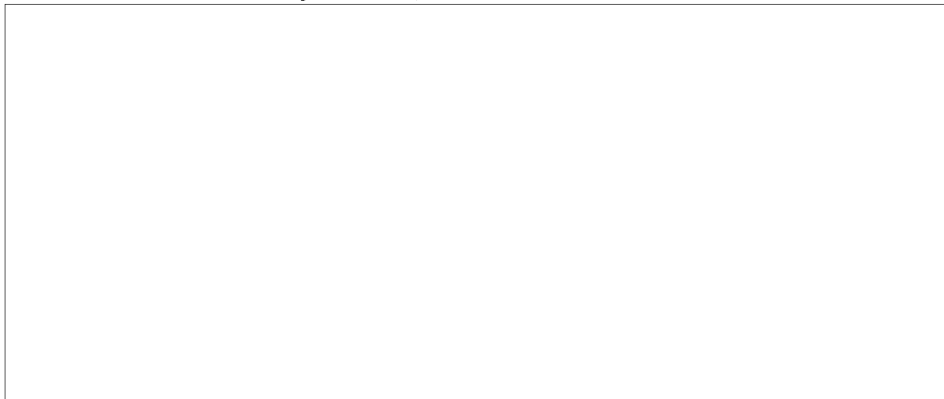
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EL SALVADOR: Military Developments

The insurgents destroyed two important government communications stations serving eastern El Salvador during the past week. [redacted]

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A guerrilla broadcast says saboteurs destroyed a microwave and satellite communications complex on San Miguel Volcano in a raid on Sunday. It claims that 15 of 60 government troops guarding the station were killed. Long-distance telephone, telex, and television communications have been disrupted. [redacted]

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//Earlier last week insurgents in Morazan Department overran a government outpost and destroyed a military communications station at Cerro Cacahautique. Some 40 government soldiers were killed or captured in that battle. Army reinforcements retook the destroyed facility on Saturday after heavy fighting. [redacted]

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Comment: Strategic communications apparently have become priority targets for the guerrillas, along with bridges and electric power facilities. In both recent attacks, the guerrillas have been able to overwhelm isolated garrisons by delaying reinforcements with ambushes. Government units continue to be stretched thin trying to defend economic targets, leaving them vulnerable to surprise attack by superior forces. [redacted]

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