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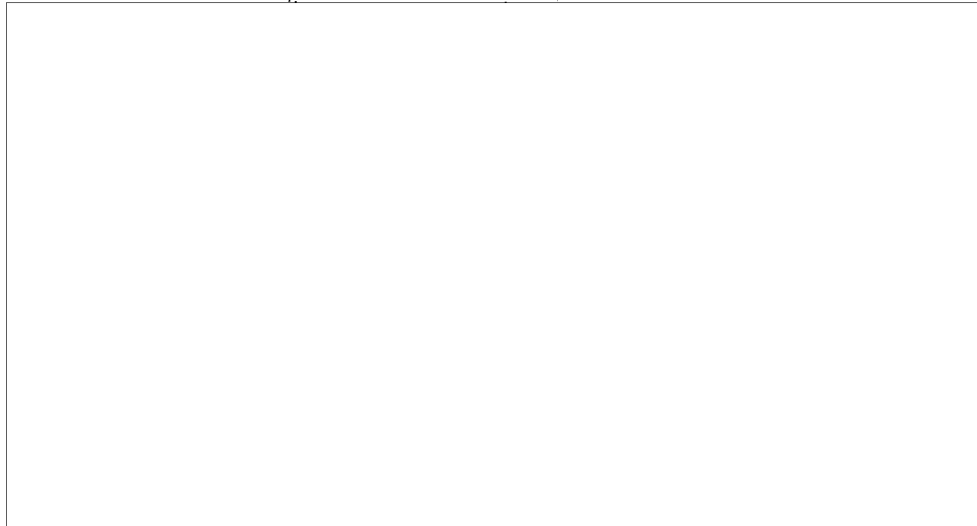
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PLACE	Bolivia
PERSON	La Paz El
PERSON	Lupe Cajlas
ORGANIZATION	Citizens
PLACE	La Paz
PLACE	United States of America
JOB_TITLE	Minister
PERSON	Freddy Teodovich
PERSON	Anez Moscoso
PERSON	Deputy Guldo
PERSON	Felipe Quispe
PERSON	Santiago Berrios
PERSON	Minister Ruben Poma
PERSON	Affaires Daniel Santos
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PERSON	Spokesman Mauricio
PERSON	Manfred Reyes
PERSON	Czar Takes
PERSON	Ernesto Justiniano,
JOB_TITLE	Deputy Minister
PERSON	Czar Ernesto Justiniano
PERSON	Santa Cruz
PERSON	Sierra El
PERSON	Gulsela Lopez
JOB_TITLE	Comptroller
PERSON	La Paz La
PERSON	Minister Carlos Sanchez
PERSON	Jaime Paz
JOB_TITLE	Superintendent
PERSON	Carlos Miranda,
PLACE	Chile
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 The following is a selection of highlights from the Bolivian press on 24-26 August:
 IDB Offers Support in Fighting Corruption -- La Paz El Diario on 26 August
 reports that the Inter-American Development Bank has offered support to the
 Anti-Corruption Struggle Technical Unit, which offered technical help and fund

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control help for the HIPC II funds previously given to municipalities. Office chief Lupe Cajlas expressed appreciation. (La Paz El Diario (Internet Version-WWW) In Spanish -- conservative newspaper) NGOs to Educate Citizens on Rights Under Criminal Code - La Paz El Diario on 26 August reports that a National NGOs Network has been established to disseminate the new Criminal Code of Procedures to help citizens understand their rights under this code. The agreement was signed on 23 August in La Paz after the conclusion of a workshop organized by the US-AID and Management Sciences for Development. (La Paz El Diario (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish -- conservative newspaper) Troops to Stay in Cochabamba Area - La Paz El Diario on 26 August cites Defense Minister Freddy Teodovich as reaffirming that the government will not withdraw Armed Forces troops from the three provinces in the Cochabamba Tropic region because "they are part of the counter-drug effort." He said that the effort to demilitarize the region does not mean that troops will be withdrawn because counter-drug efforts must continue. But he added that the Government Ministry is in charge of the counter-drug effort, not the Armed Forces, so the Armed Forces will simply execute policy. (La Paz El Diario (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish -- conservative newspaper) MIR Legislative Chief Opines on Coalition - La Paz El Diario on 25 August cites the president of the Chamber of Deputies, MIR deputy Guido Anez Moscoso, on holding the coalition with the government: "It has been difficult since the alliance began because both parties have their background and their ideology, and having a government pact without problems has not been easy, the country is the goal, but many times it is very complicated and problems are inevitable," Anez said. On distributing government positions, he said there are not enough positions in the 300,000 government jobs to make the parties happy, and that some candidates promised too much. (La Paz El Diario (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish -- conservative newspaper) (Attachment not included) Chief Deputy Guido Anez Moscoso Quispe on Governing Coalition - La Paz El Diario on 25 August cites Pachakuti Indigenous Movement (MIP) leader Felipe Quispe as saying:

"They said they will work and thus far they have not, because they are fighting for jobs, nothing has changed." He added that they would not be able to do what they have always done because now there are authentic representatives of the Bolivians in the parliament. For now, he said, his group would wait to see how the traditional parties work, and later the tough battle will come if they try to hold on to what they have always done. (La Paz El Diario (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish -- conservative newspaper) Estate Investigation Law Proposed - La Paz El Diario on 25 August carries a commentary by Santiago Berrios Caballero that remarks on the huge fortunes that some incoming government officers disclose upon taking office, while noting that no background checks are done on where these fortunes came from; many were in prior governments. Likewise, he says that the Movement Toward Socialism (MAS) is proposing a 20,000 bolivian limit on legislative pay. The commentator says he will continue to push for an Estate Investigation Law to pinpoint the origin of such barely-travelled monies. (La Paz El Diario (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish -- conservative newspaper) Illiteracy Eradication Goal - La Paz El Diario on 25 August cites Deputy Education Minister Ruben Poma as saying the ministry of education has the goal to eradicate illiteracy in Bolivia. He said the Armed Forces, universities, and churches have pledged support. (La Paz El Diario (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish -- conservative newspaper) US Government Helps Fund Gas Research -

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La Paz El Diario on 24 August reports that US Charge d'Affaires Daniel Santos has donated \$386,000 to the Bolivian Government to help with the feasibility study on the gas export project to the United States and Mexico. Acting Hydrocarbon Minister Carlos Morales received the donation. (La Paz El Diario (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish - conservative newspaper) Corruption and Gas Issues Must Not Be Politicized - La Paz El Diario on 24 August cites Presidential Spokesman Mauricio Antezana as saying in response to apparent remarks by the opposition parties New Republic Force (NFR) and Movement Toward Socialism that the corruption and gas pipeline issues must not be used as political tools. The parties said the gas issue was being handled incorrectly and information was being withheld. In this sense, NFR leader Manfred Reyes said the gas export decision was already made, to send it through the Chilean port of Patillos for ***** BEGINNING OF TAKE 002 *****/ REF: 1.

LAP20020826000015 Bolivia Press Highlights in Spanish //of Patillos for SOURCE: Bolivia Press Highlights in Spanish TEXT: a 99 year terms. (La Paz El Diario (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish - conservative newspaper) Counter-Drug Czar Takes Office - La Paz El Diario on 24 August reports that the new counter-drug czar, Ernesto Justiniano, 33, has taken office on Friday. His position is that of Deputy Minister of Social Defense, the post in charge of drug related efforts.

(La Paz El Diario (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish - conservative newspaper) (Attachment not included) Drug Czar Ernesto Justiniano Corruption Struggle Spends \$66 Million Over 3-Year Period - Santa Cruz de la Sierra El Deber on 26 August has an article by Guisela Lopez R. gives a pretty comprehensive overview of the efforts of the Office of Comptroller General, with figures, and the breakdown of the international support given to Bolivia for the counter-corruption effort. (FBIS is texting this item) (Santa Cruz de la Sierra el Deber (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish - Independent newspaper) Minister Berzain Interviewed on Political Alliances, Opponents - La Paz La Razon on 25 August carries a lengthy interview with Presidency Minister Carlos Sanchez Berzain on what he thinks about the opposition that will come from the MAS and MIP and how the government coalition led by Jaime Paz is doing. (FBIS is texting this interview.) (La Paz La Razon (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish - conservative newspaper owned by locally prominent businessmen, many associated with the National Revolutionary Movement) (Attachment not included) Presidency Minister Carlos Sanchez Berzain No Feasibility Study Yet on the Gas Pipeline - La Paz La Razon on 26 August cites the former Superintendent of Hydrocarbons, Carlos Miranda, as being "astounded" that there is no feasibility study yet on the possible gas pipeline to Chile or Peru. During a forum held in La Paz during the international Book Fair he revealed that Pacific LNG company has not done such a study because it does not know where the gas will go yet. Also, he said the past government was terribly irresponsible in producing a sketchy technical document before leaving office. (La Paz La Razon (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish - conservative newspaper owned by locally prominent businessmen, many associated with the National Revolutionary Movement) THIS REPORT MAY CONTAIN COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL. COPYING AND DISSEMINATION IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE COPYRIGHT OWNERS.

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