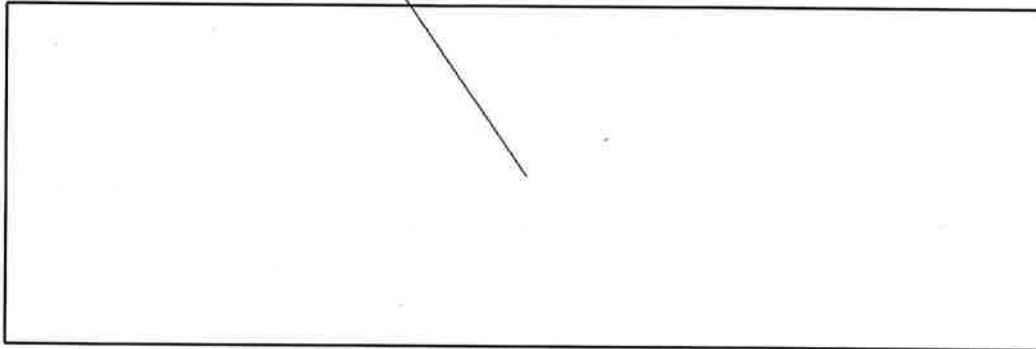


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TEXT 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ INCREASED MILITARY OPERATIONS
THROUGHOUT THE
COUNTRY HAVE PREEMPTED INSURGENT EFFORTS TO DIVERT GOVERNMENT
ATTENTION AND RESOURCES FROM THE CURRENT MILITARY CAMPAIGN IN SAN
VICENTE DEPARTMENT.
2. ~~(C/NF)~~ ON 24 JUNE, GOVERNMENT FORCES LAUNCHED AN EIGHT-COMPANY
OPERATION TO CLEAR CENTRAL CUSCATLAN DEPARTMENT OF GUERRILLAS

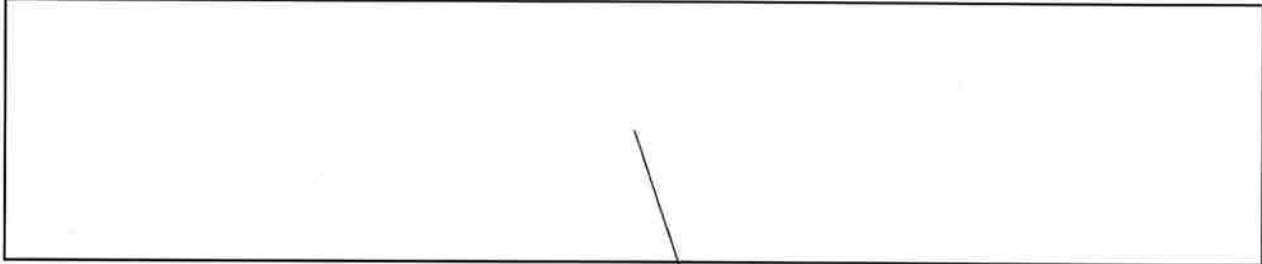
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FLEEING THE CURRENT SWEEP IN SAN VICENTE. THESE UNITS REPORTEDLY PLAN TO PUSH NORTH TOWARD SUCHITOTO, WHICH LATELY HAS BEEN UNDER INTENSE GUERRILLA PRESSURE. IN THE NEARBY GUAZAPA VOLCANO AREA, THE 1ST BRIGADE HAS LAUNCHED OPERATION SALITRE IV TO RELIEVE THE INSURGENT PRESSURE ON SAN SALVADOR DEPARTMENT. ELSEWHERE, SMALLER GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN SAN MIGUEL, LA UNION, AND MORAZAN DEPARTMENTS HAVE KEPT GUERRILLAS ON THE MOVE.

3. ~~(C/NF)~~ MEANWHILE, GUERRILLA FORCES HAVE CARRIED OUT SABOTAGE IN CHALATENANGO AND CUSCATLAN DEPARTMENTS AND HAVE OVERRUN TWO TOWNS IN NORTHERN SAN MIGUEL DEPARTMENT; THE TOWNS WERE LATER RETAKEN BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS. INTENSE FIGHTING HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED IN THE TRES CALLES/SAN AGUSTIN AREA OF USULUTAN DEPARTMENT; THE ATONAL IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALION HAS BEEN OPERATING NEARBY AND MAY HAVE CLASHED WITH INSURGENTS MOVING INTO THIS AREA FROM SAN VICENTE DEPARTMENT.

4. ~~(C/NF)~~ COMMENT THE HIGH LEVEL OF MILITARY OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY HAS KEPT THE GUERRILLAS OFF BALANCE AND, THUS FAR, HAS PREVENTED THEM FROM MASSING FOR A MAJOR COUNTEROFFENSIVE. THE SALVADORAN MILITARY HAS NEARLY COMMITTED ITS ENTIRE STRATEGIC RESERVE -- INCLUDING ARTILLERY, CAVALRY, AIRBORNE, AND IMMEDIATE REACTION UNITS -- TO THE CURRENT ACTIONS. ONLY IN CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT DO THE MILITARY COMMANDERS REMAIN RELUCTANT TO CHALLENGE WHAT IS PERCEIVED AS A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF INSURGENTS.



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