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1.FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S SECOND WEEKLY REPORT ON POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR. THE REPORTING PERIOD COVERS THE WEEK BEGINNING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AND ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3.

2. DEATHS: AT LEAST 223 PEOPLE DIED IN EL SALVADOR AS A RESULT OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 27 THROUGH OCTOBER 3. THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE DEATHS COULD
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BE IDENTIFIED IN ONLY A FEW CASES. OF THE 223 AT LEAST THIRTY WERE KILLED BY LEFTIST TERRORISTS, NINETEEN BY THE MILITARY OR POLICE, AND FIVE BY RIGHTIST TERRORISTS. THE IDENTITIES OF THE CULPRITS IN THE REMAINING 169 CASES ARE UNKNOWN.

3. VIOLENT INCIDENTS:

--ON 9/27 A BOMB EXPLODED IN AND CAUSED SERIOUS DAMAGE TO A BOTTLING PLANT IN SAN MIGUEL;
--ON 9/27 COLONEL GABRIEL DE JESUS CONTREARAS WAS ATTACKED IN SAN SALVADOR BY A GROUP OF ARMED MEN IN A PASSING CAR; CONTRERAS SURVIVED THE ATTACK BUT A BODYGUARD DID NOT;
--ON 9/29 IN CHALCHUAPA (SAN MIGUEL) A GROUP OF ARMED INDIVIDUALS SOUGHT TO TAKE OVER THE CENTRAL MARKET TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM A SECOND GROUP THAT WAS ROBBING A BANK; FOUR PEOPLE DIED IN THE INCIDENT;
--ON 9/30 A GROUP OF TERRORISTS ATTACKED CANDELARIA CONTON NEAR SAN CAYETANO ISTEPEQUE (SAN VICENTE) BUT WERE REPELLED BY THE TOWN MILITIA DURING THE PURSUIT OF THE TERRORISTS THE MILITIA WAS AMBUSHED AND SEVEN OF ITS MEMBERS KILLED; ONE TERRORIST WAS KILLED;
--ON OR ABOUT 9/30 THREE SOLDIERS WERE KILLED AFTER A MILITARY PATROL WAS AMBUSHED NEAR SAN ANTONIO LOS RANCHOS;
--ON 9/30 SAN MIGUEL RADIO STATION "RADIO CHAPARRASTIQUE" WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY OF THE PEOPLE (ERP);
--ON 9/30 A BUS WAS PARTIALLY BURNED NEAR SAN MIGUEL BY MEMBERS OF THE POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY BLOC (BPR);
--ON OR ABOUT 9/30 ONE SOLDIER AND ONE SUBVERSIVE WERE KILLED DURING A CONFRONTATION NEAR ARCATAO (CHALATENANGO);
--A MILITARY PRESS RELEASE CLAIMED THAT ON OR ABOUT 9/30 SEVENTEEN PEOPLE -- APPARENTLY BOTH SOLDIERS AND SUBVERSIVES-- WERE KILLED DURING A CONFRONTATION NEAR CANTON SAN FRANCISCO
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(LA PAZ);

--ON 9/30 IN SAN SALVADOR TWO TEACHERS OF THE EXTERNADO SAN JOSE WERE ASSASSINATED AS THEY WAITED FOR A BUS IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL;

--ON 9/30 AN ARMED GROUP ROBBED SAN MIGUEL BRANCH OF THE INSTITUTE FOR PROVISIONS REGULATIONS (IRA);

--ON 9/30 IN CIUDAD CREDISA (SAN SALVADOR) UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS SHOT AND KILLED A TREASURY POLICE CORPORAL AND TWO CIVILIANS;

--ACCORDING TO A MILITARY PRESS RELEASE EIGHTEEN SUBVERSIVES WERE KILLED IN CANTON SAN LUCAS (MORAZAN) ON OR ABOUT 9/30 WHEN A MILITARY PATROL CAME UPON A GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENT;

--ON OR ABOUT 10/1 THREE MEN WERE KILLED ON THE ROAD BETWEEN SANTA ANA AND SONSONATE WHEN THEIR TRUCK WAS BLOWN UP BY A BOMB INTENDED FOR A MILITARY CONVOY;

--ON OR ABOUT 10/1 A GROUP OF MEN WEARING OLIVE DRAB UNIFORMS STOPPED A BUS NEAR CANTO SAN PEDRO (CABANAS), PULLED THE PASSENGERS OFF THE BUS, SHOT AND KILLED FIVE OF THEM AND ROBBED THE REST;

--ON 10/2 ARMED MEN ENTERED CANTON AJILICO, SET FIRE TO TWELVE HOUSES AND KILLED ONE TOWNSMAN;

--ON 10/1 GUERRILLAS EXPLODED SEVERAL BOMBS BY A CEL (THE ELECTRIC COMPANY) SUBSTATION NEAR SANTA ANA;

--ON 10/2 IN SAN SALVADOR TWO MEN WERE KILLED WHEN NATIONAL GUARDSMEN CAUGHT UP WITH TWO MEN WHO HAD HIJACKED A COCA COLA TRUCK;

--ON 10/2 IN SAN SALVADOR THE OCCUPANTS OF A NEARLY BLOWN UP MILITARY VEHICLE ENGAGED THE BOMBERS IN A HALF-HOUR FIREFIGHT -- NO DEATHS WERE REPORTED;

--ON 10/2 SOLDIERS ENTERED THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE, SUPPOSEDLY AFTER TWO ARMED ASSAILANTS, AND EMERGED WITH WHAT WERE REPORTED AS LARGE QUANTITIES OF GUERRILLA PROPAGANDA;

--ON 10/2 BETWEEN JIQUILISCO AND SAN FRANCISCO JAVIER A GUERRILLA GROUP ASSAULTED A TRUCK TRANSPORTING WORKERS BUT WAS REPELLED BY THE PASSENGERS.

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--ON 10/2 A GROUP OF ARMED MEN ENTERED A BILLIARD HALL IN AYUTUXTEPEQUE (SAN SALVADOR), SELECTED SEVEN OF THE PLAYERS, LINED THEM UP AND SHOT THEM.

--ON 10/3 IN SAN SALVADOR AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY OF A BRANCH OF THE AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE BANK ENDED IN THE DEATHS OF AT LEAST SEVENTEEN PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM PROBABLY GUERRILLA BANK ROBBERS BUT ALSO INCLUDING TWO BANK GUARDS AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF MIDDLE-OF-CROSSFIRE

VICTIMS.

4. REPORTED DISSAPPEARANCES: AT LEAST FIVE PEOPLE WERE REPORTED MISSING DURING THE SEVEN DAY REPORTING PERIOD.

5. WEEKEND UPDATE: AS OF 6:00 P.M. OCTOBER 5 WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION OF ANY NOTEWORTHY WEEKEND DEVELOPMENTS.
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