

(C) El Salvador: Violence Unlikely During Anniversary of Salvadoran Peace Accords

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• (C) 16 JAN marks the 21st anniversary of Peace

Accords ending the Civil War between the government of El Salvador and Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front

- (U) President Mauricio Funes is the first president to officially recognize wartime human rights violations committed by government forces; supports reparations for veterans and victims' families
- (C) No reporting indicates violent protests will occur

- (C) Small non-violent protests seeking repeal of the 1993 Amnesty Law often merge with protests over other socioeconomic grievances
- (U) Since early JAN, veterans and transportation unions have staged sporadic protests over unassociated issues
- (U) Funes stated he will not repeal 1993 Amnesty Law

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Historical Milestones of Peace Process

- > 16 JAN 1992: Chapultepec Peace Accords ended 12 year Civil War in which ~75K Salvadorans were killed or missing
- > MAR 1993: UN Truth Commission report attributed 85% of the ~75K battle-related deaths to the government
- > MAR 1993: Salvadoran Legislative Assembly passed Amnesty Law, protecting combatants from prosecution for human rights violations
- > 10 JAN 12: Veterans seized the Metropolitan Cathedral to demand benefits
- > 16 JAN 12: Funes announced reparations for veterans and victims' families
- > 10 DEC 12: Inter-American Court of Human Rights ordered government to investigate and compensate victims of the 1981 El Mozote Massacre; ruled Amnesty Law does not apply

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