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EL SALVADOR: Counterinsurgency Operation Concludes. (U)

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ One of El Salvador's most successful counterinsurgency operations ended on 28 August; about 260 guerrillas were reported killed and 25 captured.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ Operation AZENON PALMA was launched on 18 August with seven battalions attacking guerrilla strongholds in northern San Vicente Department. By the 23d, 201 guerrillas had been reported killed and 13 captured. Two days later, the area of operation shifted to the east-central sector of the department, where many insurgents were believed to have fled. An additional 60 guerrillas had been reported killed and 12 captured by the time the campaign ended on the 28th. Significant aspects of the two-phased operation included innovative tactics departing from the traditional hammer-and-anvil maneuvers, effective deception measures, use of all three US-trained battalions and a Venezuelan-trained battalion, exploitation of battlefield intelligence, an airmobile insertion, aerial reconnaissance, and effective close air support.

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~~(S/NOFORN)~~ Historically, the guerrillas have quickly returned to key areas to rebuild and reconstitute their bases; this return is expected shortly. In addition, an escalation in sabotage, harassment activity, and attacks on towns and installations is expected as the insurgents seek to regroup and demonstrate that recent losses have not diminished their capability. The economic infrastructure, particularly transportation, communications, energy transmission, and agriculture will also be targeted. (DECL OADR)

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