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1. SUMMARY

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- ARENA ASSEMBLY FORMS TEN COMMISSIONS
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2. ROSA CHAVEZ ON VIOLENCE INCREASE, MAY DAY MARCH

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AFTER DELIVERING A EULOGY TO SALVADORAN MOTHERS IN HIS MAY 8 HOMILY, AUXILIARY BISHOP GREGORIO ROSA CHAVEZ TURNED TO THE CONTINUING RISE IN KILLINGS. HE NOTED THAT 19 PERSONS WERE ASSASSINATED DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND AMONG THEM WERE THREE KILLED BY GUERRILLAS IN COATEPEQUE, SANTA ANA DEPT. AND SIX OTHERS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANTS IN ANOTHER SANTA ANA DEPT. LOCATION. ROSA CHAVEZ COMMENTED ON THE "VERY PECULIAR" MANNER IN WHICH WORKERS

CELEBRATED MAY DAY BY BREAKING WINDOWS IN BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, DESTROYING TELEPHONE BOXES AND CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO 11 GASOLINE STATIONS ALONG THEIR MARCH ROUTE IN DOWNTOWN SAN SALVADOR:

- "THE ABSURDITY OF THE CASE IS THAT THE SAME
- DEMONSTRATORS WERE CLAMORING FOR THE OPENING
- OF NEW SOURCES OF WORK."

3. ARENA ASSEMBLY FORMS TEN COMMISSIONS

THE ARENA-INSTALLED LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MET IN SESSION ON MAY 11 AND -- WITH THEIR 30 DEPUTIES PRESENT -- FORMED TEN COMMISSIONS TO DRAFT AND REVIEW PROPOSALS FOR LAW. THE COMMISSIONS WERE THE SAME AS THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY. ARENA DEPUTIES WERE ELECTED PRESIDENTS OF ALL THE COMMISSIONS AND ARENA WILL HOLD THE MAJORITY OF THE 11 DESIGNATED POSITIONS ON EACH COMMISSION. NEVERTHELESS, SPACES WERE LEFT FOR PDC AND PCN DEPUTIES IN ANTICIPATION OF A FULLY CONSTITUTED ASSEMBLY IN THE FUTURE. RETIRED COL. SIGIFREDO OCHOA PEREZ WAS NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOREIGN RELATIONS AND JUDICIAL COMMISSION AND OF THE COMMISSION ON DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SECURITY, BOTH HIGH PROFILE, IMPORTANT WORKING GROUPS. ARENA DEPUTIES SAID THAT THE NEW ASSEMBLY WILL ALSO FORM A COMMISSION ON NARCOTICS WITH THE INTENT OF PASSING A STRONG ANTI-NARCOTIC LAW.

4. ARENA: REY PRENDES AMBITION CAUSE OF IMPASSE

ARENA PRESIDENT ALFREDO "FREDY" CRISTIANI TOLD THE PRESS MAY 10 THAT THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IMPASSE COULD NOT BE RESOLVED UNTIL PDC'S ADOLFO REY PRENDES GIVES UP HIS AMBITION FOR THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENCY. CRISTIANI SAID THAT IN MEETINGS TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE BETWEEN ARENA, PDC AND PCN, "REY PRENDES HAS HELD THE MOST INTRANSIGENT POSITION," SEEKING TO GAIN THE PRESIDENCY "AT ALL COST." THE ARENA LEADER CONCLUDED THAT "WE NEITHER CAN NOR WILL PERMIT THE UNLIMITED AMBITION OF ONE MAN LIKE REY PRENDES TO CONTINUE THIS SITUATION IN THE ASSEMBLY."

5. FMLN ASSASSINATES ARENA MAYOR OF PERQUIN

TERENCIO RODRIGUEZ, THE 38-YEAR OLD MAYOR OF PERQUIN,

MORAZAN DEPT., WAS ASSASSINATED THE NIGHT OF MAY 11 BY GUERRILLAS ON THE PATIO OF HIS HOUSE LOCATED IN THE CHAGUITON CANTON OF PERQUIN. RODRIGUEZ HAD TRAVELLED TO CHAGUITON FROM SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA EARLIER THE SAME DAY TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEXT PLANTING SEASON ON HIS PLOT OF LAND. RODRIGUEZ IS THE SECOND MAYOR IN MORAZAN TO BE MURDERED BY THE

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FMLN SINCE THE MARCH 20 ELECTIONS.

6. FMLN HAILS PDC SPLIT

ON MAY 14, THE FMLN'S RADIO VENCEREMOS HAILED THE
SPLIT WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC)
BETWEEN FACTIONS THAT SUPPORT PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS
JULIO ADOLFO REY PRENDES AND FIDEL CHAVEZ MENA. THE
BROADCAST CLAIMED THAT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PDC WAS
ONE OF THE FMLN'S GOALS WHEN IT STARTED THE STRUGGLE
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"AND AFTER SEVERAL YEARS WE HAVE REACHED THAT GOAL."

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