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SUBJECT: AFTERMATH TO SL'S ARMED STRIKE:

INTIMIDATION AND MURDER

REFS: A) LIMA 2292 B) LIMA 2031

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- 1. (U) SUMMARY: CENTRAL LIMA ESCAPED VIOLENT INCIDENTS DURING THE FEBRUARY 14 "PARO ARMADO" CALLED BY SENDERO LUMINOSO. PERUVIAN INDUSTRY LEADERS TOLD US THAT "95 PERCENT" OF THEIR EMPLOYEES MADE IT TO WORK, DESPITE SENDERO'S SUCCESS IN SHUTTING DOWN BUS SERVICE IN THE RING OF "PUEBLOS JOVENES" AROUND LIMA.
- 2. (C) IN CONTRAST TO PAST SL "PARO ARMADOS," THE GOP FAILED TO COUNTER SL'S MONTH LONG BUILD-UP CAMPAIGN OF THREATS AND INTIMIDATION -- INCLUDING BOMBINGS AT THE US. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND THE GOP TAX ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ADJACENT TO THE EMBASSY. SENDERO MADE CLEAR IT WAS OUT FOR BLOOD.
- 3. (C) AND BLOOD SENDERO GOT. IN ADDITION TO THE NINE DEATHS RESULTING FROM ITS SEVERAL BOMBINGS, SENDERO CARRIED OUT A CHILLING ASSASSINATION ON FEBRUARY 15 OF THE WIDELY POPULAR AND EFFECTIVE VICE MAYOR OF VILLA EL SALVADOR, MARIA ELENA MOYANO, PLUS ATTACKS ON TWO OTHER PROMINENT CIVIC LEADERS ON FEBRUARY 16 AND 17.
- 4. (C) THE MOYANO MURDER REMOVED A POWERFUL OPPONENT TO SL'S BID TO ASSERT CONTROL OVER

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LIMA'S MOST IMPORTANT "PUEBLO JOVEN." THE
PUBLIC OUTCRY HAS BEEN LOUD, BUT SENDERO HAS
LEFT BEHIND A MESSAGE OF "RAW FEAR," IN THE
WORDS OF A PROMINENT HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST.

5. (C) WHILE THE "PARO ARMADO" KEPT FEW WORKERS
OFF THE JOB, IT HAS HERALDED A NEW MOOD.

ANOTHER KEY ANTI-SL VILLA EL SALVADOR
LEADER, TOLD US A "LOUD SILENCE" IS GROWING IN
THE "PUEBLOS JOVENES." IT APPEARS THAT SENDERO
IS AGGRESSIVELY ASSERTING ITSELF IN A POLITICAL
TERRAIN WHERE THE GOVERNMENT IS LARGELY ABSENT.
END SUMMARY.
HARD GETTING TO WORK ON STRIKE DAY

6. (LOU) LEADERS IN THE PUEBLOS JOVENES AROUND LIMA SAID THE KEY TO SENDERO'S SUCCESSFUL FEBRUARY 14 ARMED STRIKE WAS ITS ABILITY TO PARALYZE THE TRANSPORT SECTOR. TRANSPORTISTAS ESPECIALLY WERE INTIMIDATED EARLY AND OFTEN BY A THOROUGH AND UNPRECEDENTED SL 'PREPARATORY' THREAT CAMPAIGN THAT KICKED OFF A MONTH BEFORE THE STRIKE. SL CADRE COVERED PUEBLOS JOVENES WITH PRO-STRIKE GRAFFITI AND VIRTUALLY BLANKETED THE PUEBLOS JOVENES, PRIMARILY TARGETING TRANSPORTISTAS AND SMALL BUSINESSES, WITH FLYERS AND LETTERS WARNING PEOPLE TO HEED THE STRIKE CALL. IN SOME PUEBLOS JOVENES LETTERS WERE INDIVIDUALLY ADDRESSED AND HAND DELIVERED. IN OTHERS FLYERS WERE DELIVERED DOOR-TO-DOOR. ONE EMBASSY CONTACT SAID SENDERO EVEN MET WITH LOCAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEES TO DRIVE HOME THEIR STRIKE CALL. COMMENT: SENDERO CLEARLY INVESTED CONSIDERABLE ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES IN THIS STRIKE, AND IMPRESSED UPON MANY IN THE PUEBLOS JOVENES THAT IT WAS MORE SERIOUS ABOUT ENFORCING THIS STRIKE THAN IT HAD BEEN WITH PREVIOUS STRIKES. END COMMENT.

7. (U) LARGE LIMA-BASED TRANSPORTISTA
ORGANIZATIONS REPORTEDLY SET A PUBLIC POLICY OF
ALLOWING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS TO MAKE THEIR OWN
DECISION, BUT IMPLICITLY ABIDED BY THE STRIKE.
FOR ITS PART, THE GOVERNMENT LET TRANSPORTISTAS

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DOWN BY NOT OFFERING TO COVER LOSSES OCCURRING DUE TO THE STRIKE, SOMETHING THE GOVERNMENT HAD

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OFFERED (BUT ALLEGEDLY DID NOT HONOR) DURING PREVIOUS ARMED STRIKES.

- 8. (U) EMBOFFS SPOKE WITH SEVERAL COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM THE PUEBLOS JOVENES WHO AGREED THAT MOST PEOPLE, EVEN IN THE RED ZONES, IGNORED THE STRIKE CALL AND MADE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO GET TO WORK ON THE 14TH. MANY PEOPLE IN THE PUEBLOS JOVENES LIVE DAY TO DAY, THEY EXPLAINED, AND HAD NO CHOICE BUT GO TO WORK. HOWEVER, MANY WERE STYMIED BY THE SHEER LACK OF TRANSPORT. MOST PEOPLE DID MAKE IT IN TO WORK BY ALTERNATE MEANS -- CATCHING RIDES ON PASSING TRUCKS, PAYING PREMIUM RATES FOR 'IMPROMPTU' BUSES/TRUCKS, USING THE FEW REGULAR BUSES AND MILITARY TRANSPORTS THAT DID RUN, OR SIMPLY WALKING --BUT THOSE WHO GOT TO WORK WERE ALMOST INVARIABLY SEVERAL HOURS LATE AND MANY SIMPLY NEVER MADE IT. MANY FACTORIES AND BUSINESSES ALONG THE CARRETERA CENTRAL AND THE ON THE CITY OUTSKIRTS WERE EVENTUALLY FULLY STAFFED, WHILE PERSONS WORKING IN THE CITY CENTER HAD A HARDER TIME MAKING IT TO SHOPS IN LIMA. PROMINENT BUSINESS LEADERS TOLD US THAT 95 PERCENT OF THEIR WORKERS MADE IT IN.
- 9. (U) POOR MILITARY AND POLICE PROTECTION FOR TRANSPORTISTAS ON THE DAY OF THE STRIKE ALSO PLAYED INTO SENDERO'S HANDS ON THE 14TH. POLICE AND MILITARY UNITS WERE OUT IN FORCE IN THE PUEBLOS JOVENES SINCE THE NIGHT BEFORE THE STRIKE BUT APPARENTLY FAILED TO SET UP POSITIONS AT KEY POINTS SUCH AS BUS TERMINALS. ONE COMMUNITY ACTIVIST TOLD EMBOFFS THAT SOME BUS DRIVERS IN AT LEAST ONE PUEBLO JOVEN DEFIED THE STRIKE AND SHOWED UP AT A DEPOT, BUT WENT HOME AFTER FINDING NO POLICE PROTECTION AT THE TERMINAL. ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT THIS PATTERN OF A LACK OF SECURITY MEASURES WAS REPEATED IN MANY PUEBLOS JOVENES.

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10. (C) COMMENT: SECURITY FORCES WERE COMPLACENT AFTER THE FAILURE OF THE LAST ARMED STRIKES IN MAY 1991 AND AUGUST 1990. THEY WENT THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF PATROLLING THE PUEBLOS JOVENES, BUT DID NOT REASSURE BUS OWNERS THAT THEY COULD SAFELY IGNORE SL THREATS AS IN THE PAST. SENDEROLOGIST GUSTAVO GORRITI THINKS THAT SENDERO CALLED THE "PARO" AT THE LAST MOMENT, AS IT WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE FEBRUARY 3 EDITION OF "EL DIARIO." GORRITI IS WRONG. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE EXTENSIVE GRASS-ROOTS PREPARATORY WORK SL HAD DONE. BY OUR ANALYSIS SL, RATHER THAN CALLING THE PARO ON IMPULSE, SIMPLY REFRAINED FROM SHOWING ITS HAND IN ADVANCE. AND IT WORKED, AS GOP REACTION WAS CONSISTENTLY A DAY LATE AND A DOLLAR SHORT. END COMMENT. 11. (U) SECURITY FORCES DID, HOWEVER, KEEP VIOLENCE AND CASUALTIES DURING THE STRIKE TO A MINIMUM. THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT INVOLVED A BOMB UNDER A POLICE CARRIER THAT KILLED THREE POLICEMEN AND INJURED ELEVEN (REFT A). MOST OTHER SENDERO ACTIONS OF ANY NOTE CONSISTED OF A HANDFUL OF RELATIVELY INEFFECTIVE DYNAMITE BOMBINGS.

12. (U) HIGHER-PROFILE SENDERO ATTACKS, SUCH AS THE BOMBINGS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND GOP TAX ADMINISTRATION (SUNAT) OFFICES NEAR THE EMBASSY ALSO PLAYED A ROLE IN INTIMIDATING PEOPLE AROUND LIMA (REF B). CONTACTS IN THE PUEBLOS JOVENES AGREED THAT THE HEAD-LINES AND FULL-PAGE PICTURES HELPED SL CREATE AN OMINOUS AURA IN THE DAYS LEADING UP TO THE 14TH. HOWEVER, THEY DOWNPLAYED THE IMPACT THESE ATTACKS HAD ON THE AVERAGE PUEBLOS JOVENES DWELLER, SAYING THAT TERRORIST ACTIONS CLOSER TO THEIR HOMES, SUCH AS THE MONTH-LONG PRE-STRIKE MONTH-LONG INTIMIDATION CAMPAIGN HAD A BIGGER IMPACT ON THEM. FOR EXAMPLE, IN HUAYCAN SENDERO

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BLEW UP A LENDING COOPERATIVE EARLY IN THE MORNING OF THE STRIKE. THIS EARLY-MORNING

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STRIKE-DAY BOMB TACTIC, REPEATED AT LEAST IN BOCA NEGRA (AND PROBABLY OTHERS), WAS EFFECTIVE IN "REMINDING" PEOPLE TO TAKE SL'S THREATS TO HEART.

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13. (U) SL'S HIGHLY CHILLING FIRST RESPONSE ON THE DAY AFTER ITS ARMED STRIKE WAS THE ASSASSINATION OF MARIA ELENA MOYANO, THE WIDELY POPULAR AND EFFECTIVE VICE MAYOR OF VILLA EL SALVADOR. AT ABOUT 19:30 ON FEBRUARY 15 A FEMALE MEMBER OF AN SL HIT SQUAD WALKED UP TO MOYANO AS SHE WAS LEAVING A PUBLIC BARBECUE ACCOMPANIED BY HER CHILDREN AND FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS AT HER AT POINT BLANK RANGE. AS PART OF THE HIT SQUAD DREW THEIR WEAPONS AND FIRED SEVERAL BURSTS TOWARDS THOSE PRESENT, OTHER HIT SQUAD MEMBERS THREW A FIVE KILOGRAM DYNAMITE CHARGE ON MOYANO, SCATTERING PIECES OF HER BODY OVER A 150 METER RADIUS. (POLICE INITIALLY THOUGHT MOYANO HAD ESCAPED HER KILLERS, BUT LATER REALIZED SHE HAD BEEN BLOWN UP. IT TOOK SEVERAL HOURS TO GATHER THE PARTS OF HER BODY FOR BURIAL.) A POLICE BODYGUARD ASSIGNED TO MOYANO WAS SHOT IN THE STOMACH BY STILL ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE HIT SQUAD. AT LEAST THREE OTHER PERSONS WERE INJURED IN THE ATTACK, INCLUDING A FIVE YEAR OLD BOY REPORTEDLY HIT IN THE EYES BY DEBRIS FROM THE EXPLOSION, THE HIT SQUAD ESCAPED BUT THE SECURITY FORCE REPORTEDLY DETAINED APPROXIMATELY 50 SUSPECTS IN SUBSEQUENT SWEEPS.

14. (U) SENDERO COULD HARDLY HAVE CHOSEN A
BETTER TARGET THAN MOYANO. A NATURAL
GRASS-ROOTS LEADER PAR EXCELLENCE, MOYANO GREW
UP WITH, AND DEDICATED HER LIFE TO, THE PEOPLE
AND TOWN OF VILLA EL SALVADOR. THE COORDINATOR
OF VILLA'S GLASS OF MILK (VASO DE LECHE) FEEDING
SCHEME, SHE WAS ALSO A LEADER IN THE MOVEMENT
TOWARDS SOCIALISM (MAS), AND CLOSE FRIEND AND
POLITICAL ALLY OF INTERNATIONALLY RESPECTED
FORMER VILLA MAYOR AND COMMUNITY FATHER, MICHEL

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AZCUETA.
15. (U) SENDERO HAD OPENLY THREATENED MOYANO,
AZCUETA AND MOST OF VILLA'S DEMOCRATIC LEADERS.
OLD POLOFFS HE HAD BEEN "TRIED" BY
SENDERO IN A MOCK TRIAL INSIDE CASTRO CASTRO
PRISON AND "SENTENCED" TO DEATH. HOWEVER, VILLA
LEADERS STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO BE INTIMIDATED
AND HAD EVEN DELIBERATELY ORGANIZED
COUNTER-ARMED STRIKE ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS A SMALL
MARCH AND A CAMPAIGN TO PEPPER VILLA WITH WHITE
PEACE FLAGS TO OPPOSE SENDERO'S USE OF RED
COMMUNIST FLAGS TO SHOW ITS PRESENCE (REF A).
TOLD POLOFFS THAT SENDERO DISTRIBUTED
FOUR DIFFERENT PAMPHLETS THROUGHOUT VILLA IN THE
LEAD UP TO THEIR ARMED STRIKE INCLUDING SOME
AIMED SPECIFICALLY AT THE VILLA LEADERS.
16. (U) AZCUETA HAS SINCE ISSUED A PUBLIC
LETTER CONDEMNING THE ASSASSINATION OF HIS
FRIEND OF OVER 20 YEARS AND BLAMED DISUNITY
AMONG THE LEFT FOR LEAVING THE LOCAL LEADERSHIP
<u>VULNERABLE TO SL ATTACKS</u> . AS AN EXAMPLE,
THE LACK OF A UNITED LEFTIST FRONT
ALLOWED AN SL-BACKED SLATE TO WIN ELECTIONS AT
VILLA'S INDUSTRIAL PARK.
MOYANO HAD REPEATEDLY PLEADED FOR UNIFIED
ACTIONS DURING THOSE ELECTIONS TO CONFRONT
SENDERO'S THREATS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARMED
STRIKE. NOTE: UNIFIED ACTIONS BY LEFTIST
GROUPINGS CAN WORK. SL'S MAY 1991 ARMED STRIKE
FIZZLED IN THE FACE OF CONCERTED COUNTER-ACTIONS
BY A UNITED LEFTIST COALITION. END NOTE.

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17. (C) MOYANO'S MURDER DOMINATED THE NATIONAL MEDIA FOR THREE DAYS RUNNING AND BECAME A PRIME TOPIC OF CONVERSATION THROUGHOUT PERU, CUTTING ACROSS SOCIAL LEVELS AND ETHNIC LINES. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FILLED VILLA EL SALVADOR'S MAIN PLAZA FOR HER FUNERAL ON FEBRUARY 17 AMIDST A SEA OF BANNERS DECRYING HER KILLING AND CALLING FOR PEACE. AMONG THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC MAXIMO

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SAN ROMAN, SENATE PRESIDENT FELIPE OSTERLING AND OTHER LEFTIST AND CENTRIST POLITICAL LEADERS. THE HEAVILY PROTECTED MINISTER OF INTERIOR JUAN BRIONES DAVILA SHOWED UP BRIEFLY AT THE FUNERAL TO PAY HIS RESPECTS TO THE MOYANO FAMILY AND LEFT AGAIN. HOWEVER, FORMER PRESIDENT FERNANDO BELAUNDE TERRY, IN TRUE STATESMAN FASHION, STAYED TO MARCH IN THE FIVE KILOMETER PROCESSION. COMMENT: THE GOVERNMENT MISSED AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE. GOP LEADERS AND THE SECURITY FORCES WERE CONSPICUOUS BY THEIR ABSENCE. END COMMENT. VILLA LEADER SEES SENDERO GAINS

18. (LOU) POLOFFS HAD SPOKEN TWO HOURS BEFORE MOYANO WAS ASSASSINATED ON FEBRUARY 15. THE USUALLY UP-BEAT COMMUNITY LEADER WAS DRAWN AND DISCOURAGED, VIEWING SENDERO AS HAVING MADE GAINS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ARMED STRIKE. [ WAS MOST CONCERNED BY THE "LOUD SILENCE" THAT HE SAW TAKING HOLD OF VILLA EL SALVADOR, A SIGN, HE SAID, OF THE GROWING FEAR AND LOSS OF CONFIDENCE AMONG THE PEOPLE. PEOPLE SEEMED TO HAVE STOPPED SPEAKING OUT AGAINST SENDERO AND SENDERO WAS GOING AFTER THE LEADERS THAT DID. J TALKED AT LENGTH ABOUT THE NEED FOR UNIFIED POLITICAL ACTION TO ADDRESS FUNDAMENTAL SOCIAL NEEDS. HE MENTIONED SL'S CONSTANT USE OF SOCIAL "SYMBOLS" AND SAID THAT VILLA LEADERS WERE ALSO MAKING USE OF THESE, SUCH AS HOLDING A HUGE -- AND SUCCESSFUL -- ST. VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE ON THE TOWN SQUARE IN SPITE OF SL'S ARMED STRIKE. HE LAMENTED THAT THE GOP HAD NOT YET LEARNED THAT THESE "SYMBOLIC" ACTIVITIES WERE CRUCIAL IN BREAKING DOWN THE WALL OF FEAR THAT SL WAS TRYING TO BUILD ACROSS PERU. 19. (LOU) CLOSER TO HOME, RECOUNTED THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE RECENT BOMBING OF HIS HOUSE. A POLICE OFFICER POUNDED ON HIS DOOR AT 1 A.M. ON FEBRUARY 14 AND VIRTUALLY FORCED HIM AND HIS FAMILY OUTSIDE. THE OFFICER TOLD HIM

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THE POLICE HAD INFORMATION HIS HOME WOULD BE
BOMBED THAT NIGHT. LEFT AND SPENT THE
NIGHT ELSEWHERE. HOWEVER, WHEN LEFT SO
DID THE TWO POLICE OFFICERS STATIONED ROUND THE
CLOCK IN A LITTLE POST BESIDE HIS HOUSE. SL WAS
ABLE TO PLANT A HALF KILO BOMB AND A SMALLER
DEVICE OUTSIDE HIS HOME WITHOUT BEING DETECTED.
THE LARGER BOMB DID NOT EXPLODE AND THE SMALLER
DEVICE WAS MORE LIKE A FIRE-CRACKER AND CAUSED
NO DAMAGE AT ALL. SENDERO WAS PROBABLY MORE
INTERESTED IN SENDING A MESSAGE THAN IN
KILLING HIM AT THIS POINT IN TIME. MOYANO'S
DEATH MORE THAN UNDERSCORED THE POINT.
TOOK REFUGE IN THE SPANISH EMBASSY AND HAS
ANNOUNCED HE WILL LEAVE WITH HIS FAMILY FOR A
TEMPORARY VISIT TO SPAIN.
SENDERO CONTINUES CAMPAIGN

20. (U) SENDERO KEPT UP ITS ATTACKS FOLLOWING THE ARMED STRIKE AND THE MOYANO KILLING. ON FEBRUARY 15 SL PLACED A SMALL DEMONSTRATION CHARGE IN THE CAR OF PASCUALA ROSADO, HUAYCAN SECRETARY GENERAL, AND A POPULAR LEADERS OF THE NORTHERN PUEBLO JOVENES. ON FEBRUARY 17 SENDERO ASSASSINATED ANDRES DAVILA ARNAO, THE SECRETARY

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GENERAL AND HEAD OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD RONDAS IN
NOCHETO (A PUEBLO JOVEN ON THE RING ROAD IN
NORTHERN LIMA). THE PRESS NOTED THAT DAVILA WAS
KILLED ALMOST AT THE SAME TIME AS MOYANO'S
FUNERAL IN VILLA EL SALVADOR. ON FEBRUARY 18
SENDERO BOMBED THE FRENCH EMBASSY (WITH
NEGLIGIBLE DAMAGE), A BANK IN CENTRAL LIMA AND
SERIOUSLY DAMAGED A CAR PARKED OUTSIDE THE GRAN
HOTEL MIRAFLORES WITH A STICK OF DYNAMITE. AT
ABOUT 06:00 ON FEBRUARY 19 THE MAYOR OF THE
CENTRAL LIMA SUBSECTION OF BRENA WAS WOUNDED
SERIOUSLY BY SHRAPNEL WHEN SENDERO DYNAMITED HIS
CAR OUTSIDE HIS HOME.
COMMENT

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21. (C) SENDERO APPEARS TO HAVE EFFECTIVELY PREPARED ITS INTIMIDATION CAMPAIGN IN THE PUEBLOS JOVENES AROUND LIMA A MONTH AHEAD OF TIME. IT REAPED THE REWARDS -- THE TRANSPORTISTAS REFUSED TO RISK THEIR VEHICLES AND THE WORKFORCE HAD DIFFICULTY GETTING TO WORK. THE GOP RESPONSE ON STRIKE DAY WAS INEFFECTIVE BY COMPARISON BY FAILING TO SHOW BUS DRIVERS THEY COULD DEFY THE STRIKE WITH IMPUNITY. 22. (C) FOLLOWING THE PAST FAILURES OF THE LAST TWO ARMED STRIKES, SENDERO'S RELATIVE SUCCESS ON THE 14TH IS NOTEWORTHY. SENDERO'S ONE "PARO ARMADO" DOES NOT PROVE ITS MUCH VAUNTED "STRATEGIC EQUILIBRIUM." SENDERO DID, HOWEVER, DISPLAY IMPRESSIVE ORGANIZATIONAL ABILITIES WHICH INDICATE IT COULD LAUNCH SUCCESSFUL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN THE FUTURE. 23. (C) THE MURDER OF VILLA EL SALVADOR'S VICE MAYOR MARIA ELENA MOYANO, HOWEVER, COULD BE THE CRITICAL NEWS OF THE WEEKEND'S MANY EVENTS. SENDERO HAS REMOVED A KEY PLAYER WHO EFFECTIVELY BLOCKED SL'S BID TO CONTROL THE POLITICALLY IMPORTANT PUEBLO JOVEN, APPARENTLY DECIDING IT COULD WITHSTAND ANY NEGATIVE REPERCUSSIONS FROM HER ASSASSINATION. THE PUBLIC OUTCRY AGAINST SENDERO HAS BEEN IMPRESSIVE, BUT AS ONE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST PRESENT AT MOYANO'S FUNERAL POINTED OUT, JUST BELOW THE OUTRAGE THERE IS "RAW FEAR." END COMMENT. BRAYSHAW##

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