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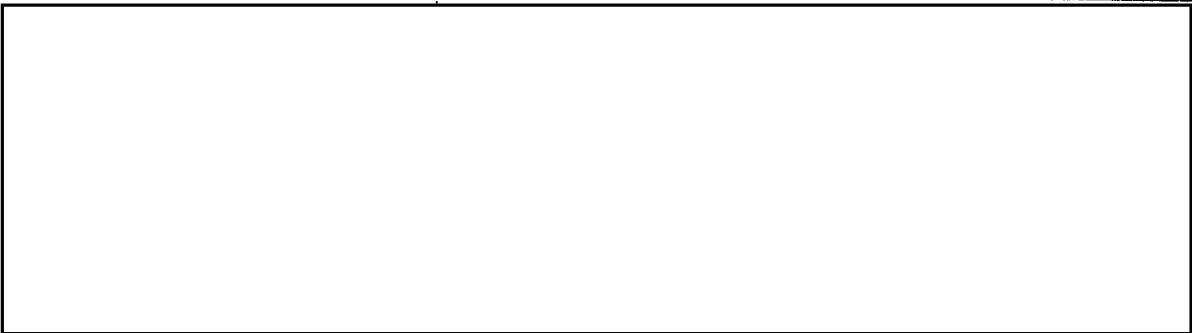
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THE MILITARY ALERT IN EFFECT OVER THE WEEKEND HAS BEEN CANCELLED, AND THE CABINET SHAKEUP [REDACTED] PREDICTED YESTERDAY APPEARS TO BE TAKING PLACE. INSTEAD OF THE EXPECTED STRENGTHENING OF THE PRIME MINISTER, HOWEVER, HE SEEMS TO BE OUT.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS QUOTING HIS OFFICE, PRIME MINISTER PALMA CARLOS AND THREE CENTER POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY MINISTERS HAVE RESIGNED. ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE

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MINISTERS INVOLVED, THEY WILL BE REPLACED BY MILITARY OFFICERS. THE SAME SOURCE ASCRIBED THE RESIGNATIONS TO THE REFUSAL BY THE COUNCIL OF STATE DURING ITS MEETING LAST NIGHT TO GRANT PALMA CARLOS GREATER FREEDOM AND POWER TO GOVERN THE COUNTRY.

OTHERS RESIGNING ARE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SA CARNEIRO AND THE MINISTERS OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC COORDINATION. SEVERAL OTHER CHANGES ARE ALSO EXPECTED, BUT MOST OF THE SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS IN THE CABINET HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED TO REMAIN.

THE COUNCIL OF STATE IS IN SESSION AGAIN TODAY, AND THE GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATIONS IS EXPECTED.

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