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DCI WORLDWIDE BRIEFING - HONDURAS

Government Forces: 18,400 total

Extreme Left: Number of armed militants unknown, probably less than 500.

Government

- The government of President Suazo, the first civilian president in a decade, is providing Honduras with its most competent leadership in years.
- The Suazo Administration established from the outset a harmonious relationship with the Armed Forces Commander Alvarez and with other senior military officers.

Extreme Left

- Cuba has increased training, funding, and arms smuggling to the Honduran extreme left because of its belief that Tegucigalpa is acting in complicity with the US against the Salvadoran insurgents.
- Acts of terrorism and sabotage began to increase in Honduras during 1981.
- Honduran terrorist groups, with major assistance from Salvadoran insurgents, appear determined to continue the expansion of their campaign of violence and subversion against the government.
- The most spectacular terrorist incidents this year were the July bombing of Tegucigalpa's main power supply and the seizure of over one hundred businessmen as hostages during September. Salvadoran insurgents worked closely with Honduran leftists in planning and conducting these and other terrorist operations.

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Moderate Political Forces					
	Radical or Violent Left	Democratic Left	Center	Conservative	Extrem e or Violent Right
Political Parties	PCH* PASO**	PDCH ALIPO***	PLH FUL****	PNH PNH	
Guerrilla/ Terrorist Groups	URP PCH/ML PRTC FMLH FPR FPLH PCH* PASO**				
Labor Groups	UNCAH FUTH FNTC FUTP FUM FUTP APENH SITRAUNAH	CGT SITRATERCO UNC ^{oo}	CTH ANACH		
Business Groups				CONEP ANDI	

- *Although a legally inscribed party, the PCH is involved in some terrorist actions as well as gunrunning, and is preparing for armed revolution.
- **PASO is also a legally inscribed party, but is involved in arms trafficking from Nicaragua to El Salvador.
- ***ALIPO is a faction of the PLH, and its semi-autonomy is recognized by the PLH leadership; some ALIPO leaders are leftists and tied to Cuba.
- ****FUL is a faction of the PLH, but is not recognized as such by the PLH leadership.