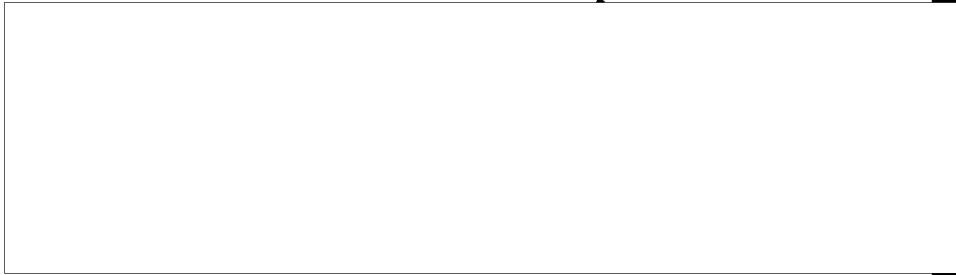




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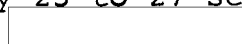
① EL SALVADOR: Election Returns

The cogoverning Christian Democrats, on their way to winning a large plurality of the 1-million-plus votes cast, apparently are facing a rightist attempt to form a coalition that would deny them a majority in the constituent assembly. Fighting, meanwhile, apparently still is heavy in the eastern part of the country.



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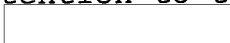
Preliminary indications are that the Christian Democrats have received approximately 41 percent of the votes counted, with Roberto D'Aubuisson's ultraconservative National Republican Alliance getting about 29 percent. If these percentages do not change, the Christian Democrats could receive approximately 25 to 27 seats in the 60-member constituent assembly.



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The rightist National Conciliation Party and the more moderate Democratic Action party--running third and fourth, respectively--are crucial to any coalition prospect. Unconfirmed media reports indicate that a document has been signed by the rightist parties declaring their intention to try to form a government of national unity.

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Comment: The reported document appears to complicate the prospects for a government headed by the Christian Democrats. Their apparent strong plurality, nevertheless, still gives them a chance to pick up some support from moderate rightists who would be hesitant to join a government in which D'Aubuisson is prominent.



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Although most members of the National Conciliation Party are conservative and therefore are apt to be sympathetic to D'Aubuisson, some moderates suspect him of complicity in the murder of one of their leaders in January and thus still may be receptive to Christian Democratic overtures. In addition, Democratic Action--which possibly could take up to five seats--previously indicated a preference for working with the Christian Democrats in a coalition government.

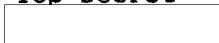


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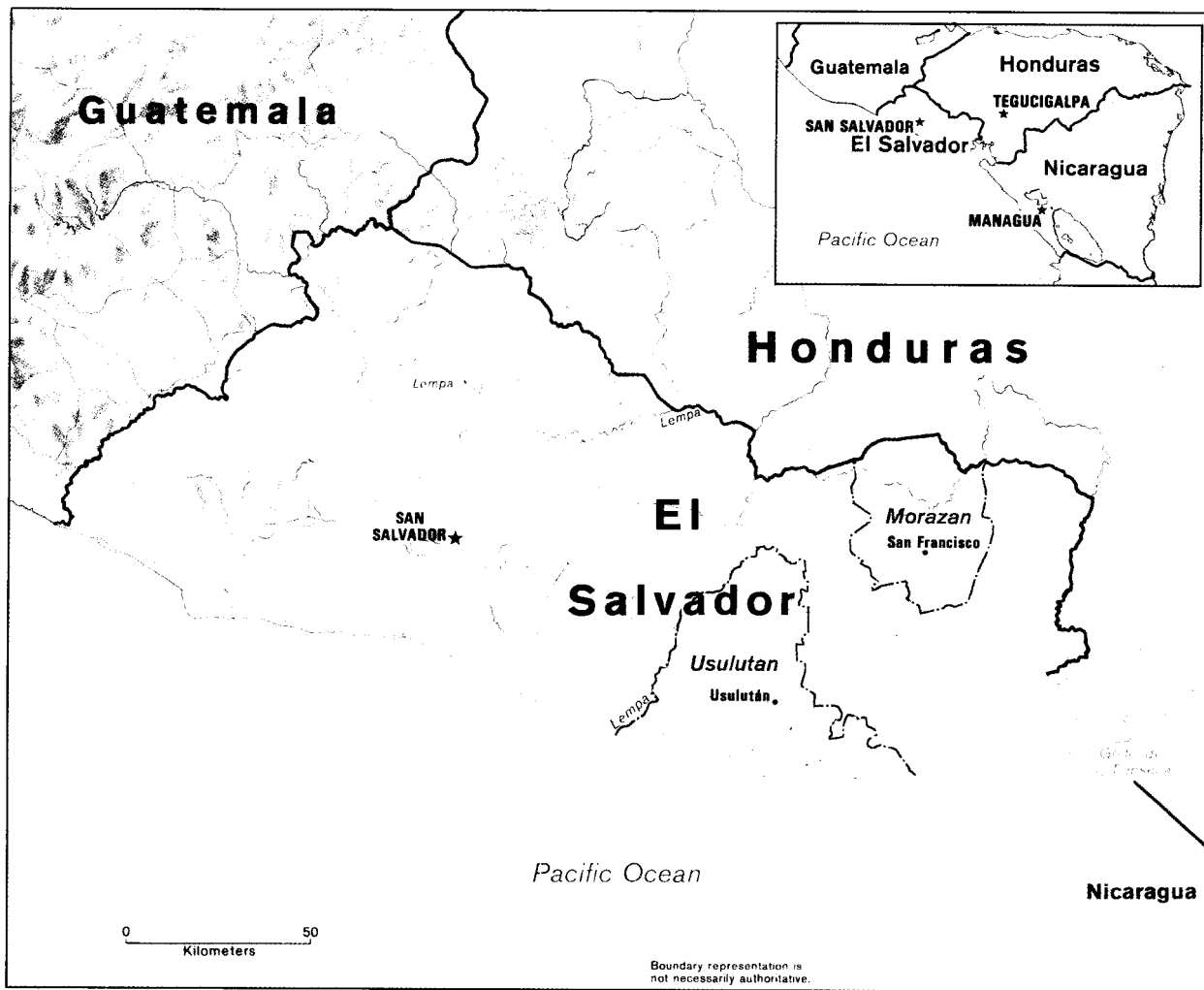
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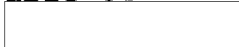
Despite the major psychological blow dealt the insurgents by the massive voter turnout, a conservative government dominated by D'Aubuisson ultimately could benefit the insurgents if it abandons reform programs and intensifies counterterrorist violence. Such actions would result in negative world opinion and could lead to international support for the rebels. 

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Military Situation

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Fighting reportedly remains heavy in Morazan and Usulután Departments, where several hundred guerrillas have laid siege to the cities of San Francisco and Usulután. Government troops appear to be defending both locales effectively, but without reinforcements the outcome is uncertain. 

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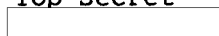
The guerrillas are waging only sporadic harassment in and around the capital. Many, however, are thought to be massed just north of the city and capable of launching renewed attacks later this week. 

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Comment: Government security measures, combined with the insurgents' logistic and coordination problems, have significantly limited the planned guerrilla offensive. The political setback caused by the large voter turnout, however, could prompt the guerrillas to initiate spectacular operations early next month in an attempt to regain their credibility. 

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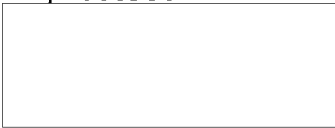
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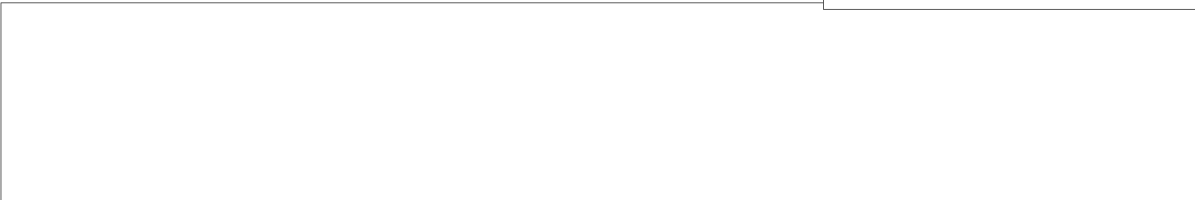
② ISRAEL - ARAB STATES: New Demonstrations Planned

1/2 Arab demonstrations in support of Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza are scheduled for today in Israel

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2/3 Radical Arab groups in Israel have called on Israeli Arabs to show solidarity with West Bank and Gaza Arabs by staging a general strike on "Land Day" today. The date is observed annually by Israeli Arabs in commemoration of their demonstrations in 1976 against expropriations of Arab-owned land in Israel in which several Israeli Arabs died. The strike call follows several days of sporadic demonstrations by Israeli Arabs protesting the treatment of strikers in the West Bank and Gaza.

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3 Comment: The protests probably will give more momentum to the unrest in the West Bank and Gaza and could lead to violence in Israel. Israeli authorities are increasingly concerned about the growing ties between West Bank and Israeli Arabs and are determined to deal firmly with any disturbances.

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