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### EL SALVADOR: Guerrillas Planning Assassinations

In a bid to discredit the government, Salvadoran insurgents are planning to increase political assassinations. Guerrillas intend to kill a low-ranking member of a human rights organization allied to the insurgency and blame her death on the government and the right. The killing—to occur before the presidential election in March—would be timed to reap maximum propaganda benefit. Rebels also have plans to kill a [REDACTED] critical of the current faculty at the National University and to continue assassinating smalltown mayors. [REDACTED]

Comment: [REDACTED] and the insurgents probably are trying to recreate the propaganda success that followed the murder of leftist human rights official Herbert Anaya in October 1987—[REDACTED] by a guerrilla hit team. The insurgents intend to intensify international concerns about human rights abuses should a rightwing administration come to power in San Salvador. They would probably view [REDACTED] death as punishment for his criticism of the university, their principal base in the capital. Rebels already have murdered seven mayors this year in an effort to undermine government authority in outlying areas. [REDACTED]

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