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Guatemalan Guerrillas Reaffirm Targeting of U.S. Embassy

The continuing Guatemalan Guerrilla Army of the Poor (EGP) threat against the U.S. Embassy and its personnel took on a new twist recently. Now, (b)(1)the EGP claims that it is going to kidnap the U.S. (b)(3)Ambassador to avenge the 20 October killing of the President of the University Student Association at San Carlos Universi-The EGP, has an almost blind (b)(1)hatred of the U.S., and it intends to strike at those whom (b)(3)it believes to be manipulators of the Guatemalan Government, which the EGP believes used police agents to kill the student (b)(3)president.

American Injured by Moslem Bomb in Thailand

On 19 October, a time bomb exploded in the terminal building of the railway station at Hat Yai in southern Thailand injuring ten people, including one American, and causing substantial physical damage to the station booking office. Leaflets found in the station indicated that the bombing was the work of the Sabi Lillah Moslem separatist group. Eight Thai Moslems and a man who claimed to be a Saudi Arabian were arrested on suspicion of having been involved in the bombing.

The Sabi Lillah (an Arabic term for those who fight in religious wars) is one of a number of small Moslem separatist groups loosely united under the Pattani United Liberation Organization (PULO), which seeks autonomy for the five southernmost Malay-speaking provinces of Thailand (Satu, Songkhla, Pattani, Yala, and Narathiwat). The Sabi Lillah group was responsible for a previous bombing at the Hat Yai railway station on 29 June 1977 and for the bombing of the departure lounge of Bangkok's Don Muang Airport on 24 June 1977 in which four people were injured, one seriously. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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