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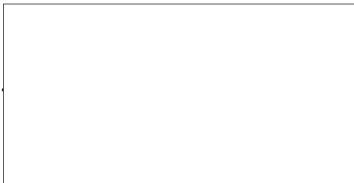


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[Guatemala: US Ambassador John Gordon Mein who was killed yesterday afternoon was probably a victim of the Communist Rebel Armed Forces (FAR).

Reports indicate that the terrorists were probably attempting to kidnap him for use in a trade for FAR leader Carlos Francisco Ordonez who was arrested in Guatemala City on 24 August. The ambassador was killed while attempting to evade capture. In January, two members of the US military aid group were assassinated by the same terrorist organization.

[redacted] the terrorists were planning attempts against the lives of US personnel including the ambassador.

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President Mendez has called for a state of siege, which is expected to be approved by the congress. The country's frontiers have been sealed and security forces have begun house-to-house searches within the capital. Guerrilla suspects and leftist extremists are being arrested.

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