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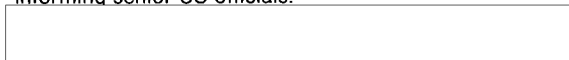
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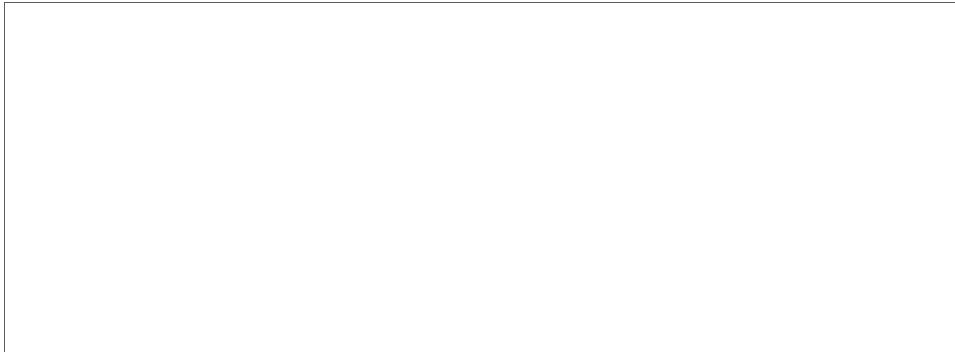
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**EL SALVADOR: Military Activity**

//The Army has retaken lost ground in the east, but it suffered heavy losses in the recent fighting there. The guerrillas routed an Army battalion, and they claim that over 80 government troops were killed or wounded and that 60 weapons were captured. The US defense attache says some 83 personnel are still missing. [Redacted]

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**Comment:** //Despite the tactical setback, the new military command was able to counterattack quickly, and it adjusted well to the rapidly changing battlefield situation. As new field commanders become more familiar with the capabilities of their forces, some of the current difficulties probably will be alleviated. The Army may try to avenge the defeat by organizing more aggressive operations against the insurgents, particularly in the east. [Redacted]

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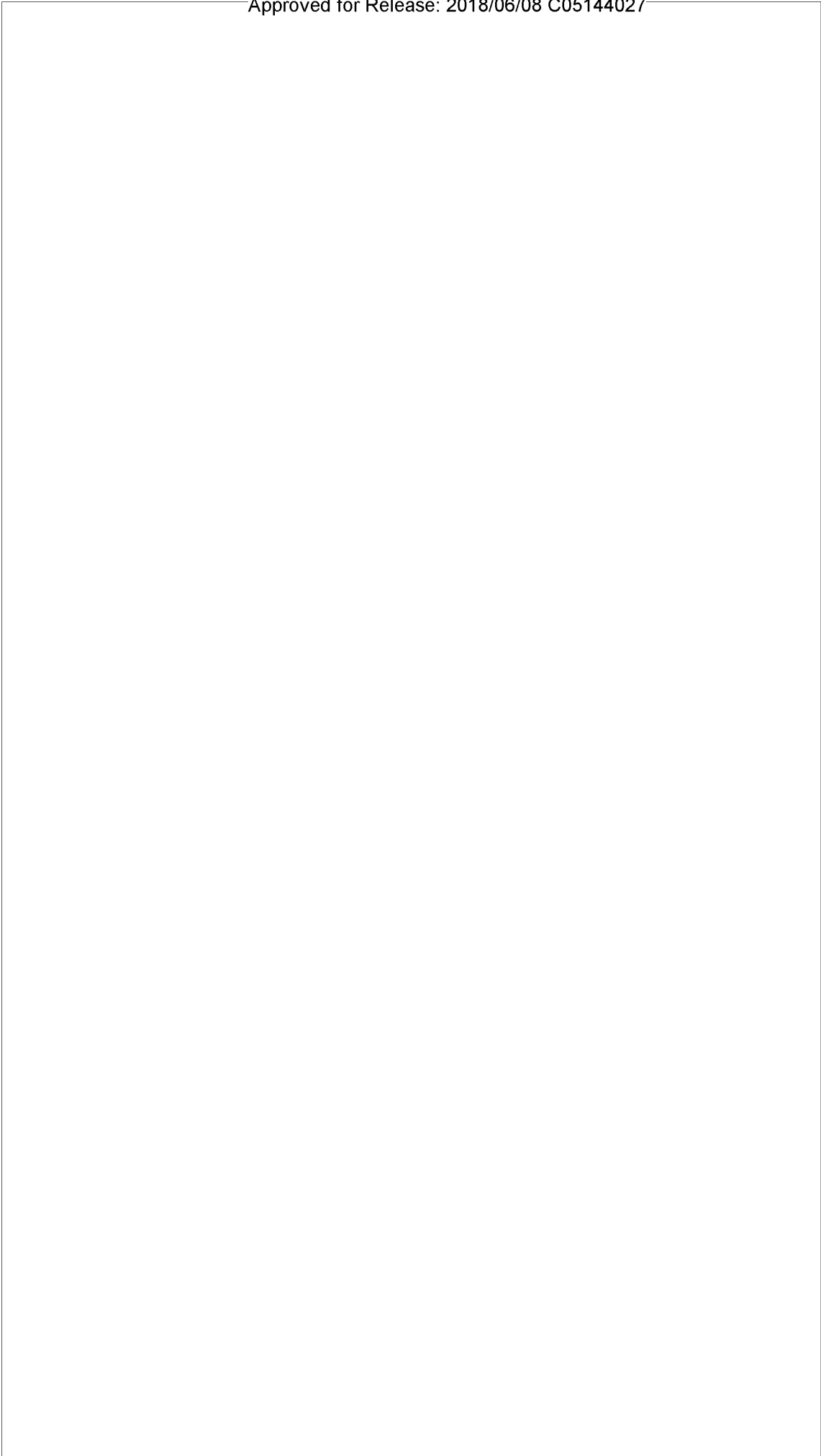
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