

## **Panama: Three Opposition Leaders Deported To U.S.**

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On Dec. 31, Christian Democrat leader Ricardo Arias Calderon reported that Aris de Icaza, businessperson and manager of a chain of radio stations, was deported to the US by the Panamanian government. De Icaza, he said, was the third opposition leader to be deported to the US during the previous 10 days. The other two were Roberto Brenes, president of the Association of Business Executives, and entrepreneur Alberto Conte. Brenes was taken into custody by officers of the Panamanian Defense Forces on the evening of Dec. 20. He is one of the original members of the Crusade, a coalition of business and labor groups that headed protests against Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega some 18 months ago. (Basic data from Reuters, 12/21/88; AFP, 12/31/88)

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