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## **Panama: Military Accuses U.S. Troops Of Intensified Persecution**

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In a press release on Jan. 22, the Panamanian Defense Forces accused US troops of having "intensified their campaign of persecution" against Panamanians entering areas under US control. The worst persecution, said the Defense Forces, occurs along the Canal near the Southern Command headquarters. The statement said, "This campaign of persecution includes threats with firearms, insults, illegal and unnecessary interrogations, arbitrary arrest, the excessive use of force, and cruel and degrading treatment." The Defense Forces said interrogations are conducted by US military intelligence agents trying to obtain information about Panama's domestic affairs. According to the statement, US troops have no right to detain Panamanian citizens and it urged people currently detained to "remain calm," refuse to sign any documents and demand to see a Panamanian military policeman. (Basic data from AP, 01/22/89)

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