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## **El Salvador: Trade Union Organizations & Displaced Persons Assistance Group Denounce New Wave Of Official Repression**

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On April 20, the National Salvadoran Workers Union (UNTS), the Salvadoran Christian Committee for the Displaced (CRIPDES), the National Resettlement Coordinator (NCR), and the United Union Federation (FUS) denounced the military and the new government to be headed by President-elect Alfredo Cristiani for implementing a "new wave of repression" against El Salvador's "popular organizations." UNTS spokespersons said their office in San Salvador has been surrounded by army troops. Shortly before midnight on April 19, approximately 70 persons were arrested by Treasury Police agents at the joint CNR-CRIPDES office in San Salvador. The office had been surrounded by police agents for two days prior to Wednesday afternoon, when police entered the building and began a search of the premises. Later, all persons were forcibly removed. At about 3:30 a.m. on April 20, the Treasury Police turned over 25 of the 70 to the International Red Cross, including five pregnant women, two elderly persons, a German citizen on a visit to El Salvador, and many children. A British citizen and a US citizen, were released Thursday afternoon. Four others, who had been receiving medical treatment in San Salvador, were scheduled to be turned over to Tutela Legal later in the day. Also on Wednesday evening, police raided the office of FUS in San Salvador. On April 20, CRIPDES denied statements by military officials who claimed police had found molotov cocktails and guerrilla propaganda at the organization's headquarters. Assistant director of the Treasury Police, Col. Jose Martinez Calderon, said that 15 of the detained had been turned over to the International Red Cross. According to Martinez, the "population" had informed the security forces that "dangerous persons and materials interested in provoking terrorism" were located in the two organizations' offices. Before the raids were ordered, Defense Minister Gen. Eugenio Vides Casanova announced that the armed forces were examining more efficient measures to thwart terrorism. (Basic data from Notimex, 04/20/89; 04/20/89 report by CUANES, Chicago IL)

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