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On Aug. 18, the Salvadoran government confirmed a decision to repatriate about 8,000 refugees currently residing in Honduran camps close to the Salvadoran border. The refugees will not be permitted to return to their places of origin. Vice president and Interior Minister Francisco Merino said that a government commission was currently visiting the Colomoncagua, Mesa Grande and San Antonio camps to elaborate a relocation plan. Refugee representatives demand that the government permit them to return to their places of origin. The majority of refugees residing in the Honduran camps are peasants from northern and eastern El Salvador who fled their homes between 1980 and 1984. (Basic data from Xinhua, 08/19/89)

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