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On April 16, 260 Nicaraguan Indian contras pertaining to the Yatama coalition surrendered their weapons to members of the UN Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA) headed by Gen. Agustin Quezada of Spain. The general said 260 members of the Yatama coalition disarmed at Kiatara in Gracias a Dios department, and the weapons were "immediately destroyed." The disarmed rebels are to remain under ONUCA protection until repatriation to Nicaragua. Yatama is comprised of Indians from the Atlantic coast whose main language is English. The Honduran Foreign Ministry reported that between 500 and 1,000 members of the main contra force remaining in Honduran camps in El Paraiso department would surrender their weapons to ONUCA on April 18. (Basic data from AFP, Xinhua, DPA, 04/16/90)

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