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On June 4, police in Tegucigalpa reported discovery of the body of union member and economist Ramon Briceno. The corpse was found June 3 in the southern part of the city. Briceno had been shot 11 times and tortured. Briceno, who worked for the Central Bank, had been missing since June 1. He was a member of the Union Support Committee at the Bank, and coordinator of the University Reform Front (FRU). On the evening of May 31, Francisco Bonilla, former president of the Honduran Social Security Institute union, was killed by unidentified persons. Carlos Reyes, president of the leftist Honduran United Workers Federation (SUTH), said that army and private business involvement was clear in previous cases of disappearances of union leaders and in recent assassinations. He added that these army and private business "sectors" are effectively directed by the US US Central Intelligence Agency. (Basic data from AFP, 06/04/90)

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