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On June 2, Olimpia Diaz, director of the National Office for Attention to Refugees (ANPAR), told reporters that the government is currently studying plans for the repatriation of some 1,450 Salvadoran refugees. The Salvadorans are camped on the banks of the Rio Belen, at the borders of Cocolé and Colon departments, northeast of Panama City. With the financial assistance of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Salvadorans are working in cocoa, corn and palm oil production projects. An estimated 800,000 Salvadoran, Nicaraguan and Guatemalan refugees are residing in a Central American country other than their respective homeland. (Basic data from Notimex, 06/02/90)

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