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## **Panama: Government Plans To Sue Noriega For \$5 Billion**

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On June 28, Foreign Minister Julio Linares said the government plans to sue former military leader Manuel Antonio Noriega for \$5 billion on charges of robbery, murder and extortion. The suit is being prepared in Washington by the Panamanian Embassy and the US law firm of Williams and Connolly. Last week, a US judge ordered the Justice Department to release \$6 million of Noriega's money to pay his lawyers. The attorneys had threatened to drop their client, citing lack of payment. (Basic data from AFP, 06/28/90)

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