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On July 1, four rightist parties selected former military ruler Efraim Rios Montt as their presidential candidate in the Nov. 11 elections. The parties are the Republican Front (FR), Democratic Institutional Party (PID), National Democratic Cooperation Party (PDCN), and National Unity Front (FUN). Rios Montt was president of Guatemala in 1982-1983, following a military coup. His rule was marked by the proliferation of death squads. According to recent voter preference polls, he is running in second place. Article 186 of the Guatemalan constitution prohibits "caudillos" and "coup leaders" from running for presidential office. Rios Montt said that because the article was promulgated after he served as president, it does not apply. Rios Montt has asserted that among Guatemala's major problems are economic crisis, and the loss of moral values "that have completely destroyed the essence of the family." (Basic data from Notimex, 07/01/90)

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