

7-13-1990

El Salvador: Immigration Director Removed From Post, Charged With Corruption

Deborah Tyroler

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/noticen>

Recommended Citation

Tyroler, Deborah. "El Salvador: Immigration Director Removed From Post, Charged With Corruption." (1990).
<https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/noticen/4166>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Latin America Digital Beat (LADB) at UNM Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in NotiCen by an authorized administrator of UNM Digital Repository. For more information, please contact amywinter@unm.edu.

El Salvador: Immigration Director Removed From Post, Charged With Corruption

by Deborah Tyroler

Category/Department: General

Published: Friday, July 13, 1990

On July 10, Salvadoran judicial authorities reported the arraignment of former immigration director Col. Maximiliano Leiva, who is accused of heading a ring that helped smuggle Chinese nationals bound for the US. According to an official statement on July 9, Leiva was removed from his post and arrested during the weekend, after the detention of 52 Chinese (50 from mainland China, and two from Taiwan) and one Salvadoran in a house in San Salvador. Salvadoran newspapers described Leiva as a "mafia chief" who allegedly received \$400 for each undocumented ethnic Chinese. Prensa Grafica (07/09/90) reported that each had paid \$20,000 to officials in several countries after leaving their countries of origin. The newspaper said, "They traveled from China to Thailand, and then to the Soviet Union, Cuba, Nicaragua and El Salvador," the newspaper said. (Prensa Grafica, AFP, 07/09/90; AP, 07/10/90)

-- End --