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On July 18 in Tegucigalpa, Salvadoran ambassador Salvador Trigueros announced that the 2,500 Salvadorans remaining in Honduras will be repatriated in August. The refugees are residents of the Mesa Grande camp, located in Ocotepeque, western Honduras. In the early 1980s, more than 30,000 Salvadorans sought refuge in Honduras to escape the fighting in their home country. Repatriation efforts began in late 1987, or after the signing of a regional peace accord. About 20,000 Nicaraguans reside in Honduras under the protection of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Another 30,000 Nicaraguans mainly former contras and family members have received special immigration permits, and remain in Honduras. (Basic data from Notimex, 07/18/90)

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