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## **Guatemala: Rebels Announce Resumption Of Economic Sabotage & Attacks On Military Targets**

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In a communique released during the weekend, the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG) announced plans to resume economic sabotage and attacks against military targets. The rebels said the decision was in response to the "continued escalation of repression and terrorism" perpetrated by the army and rightist death squads against Guatemalan civilians. The rebel communique said, "There can be no democracy while the political legitimacy of the indigenous peoples is not recognized...We are not opposed to elections, but a political solution to the armed conflict cannot be reached solely through the electoral process." On July 30, President Vinicio Cerezo called on the rebels to refrain from economic sabotage, since such actions impact negatively on Guatemalan civilians, "not the army, and the government." He added that rebel plans to resume military actions violate agreements established last spring in Oslo, Norway, between the URNG and several organizations. The meetings in Oslo and subsequent talks were coordinated by the National Reconciliation Commission. (Basic data from Notimex, 07\30\90; Xinhua, 07\31\90)

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