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## **Common Grave Exhumed In Panama**

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On July 28, the remains of 15 Panamanians, including a six-year-old boy killed during the US invasion in December were removed from a common grave site located in Colon. The excavation machinery uncovered another pit, also believed to contain bodies. Rosaura Morena, leader of the non-governmental Panamanian Popular Human Rights Coordinator (COPODEHUPA), said the organization expected to identify about 50 bodies. She said that in the Monte Esperanza cemetery, the bodies of about 60 soldiers and civilians killed during the invasion have been identified and buried separately. The first public exhumation of a mass grave took place April 28 at the Jardin de Paz cemetery in Panama City. A total of 123 cadavers were identified and placed in separate burial sites. The Panamanian Human Rights Committee has acknowledged the deaths of 556 Panamanians during the invasion, including 319 soldiers. Independent human rights groups assert that over 4,000 Panamanians died during the invasion. The Catholic Church in Panama has reported evidence of nearly 700 deaths. (Basic data from AFP, 07/28/90)

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