

9-7-1990

Guatemala: Gen. Rios Montt Granted Amnesty

Deborah Tyroler

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

Recommended Citation

Tyroler, Deborah. "Guatemala: Gen. Rios Montt Granted Amnesty." (1990). <https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/noticen/4360>

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.

Guatemala: Gen. Rios Montt Granted Amnesty

by Deborah Tyroler

Category/Department: General

Published: Friday, September 7, 1990

On Sept. 4, Judge Miguel Espana granted amnesty to former general Efraim Rios Montt for his role in the 1982 coup that deposed Romeo Lucas Garcia and installed Rios Montt in the presidency for 16 months. The ruling was delivered after the Supreme Election Board definitively barred Rios Montt from participating as a presidential candidate in the November elections in accordance with article 186 of the Guatemalan constitution which prohibits those who participate in coups from occupying the presidency. "From today on I am a new man," Rios Montt told ACAN-EFE. "The amnesty decree cleans my slate of every thing I did, I am free to fully exercise my rights." According to Rios Montt, his associates' research has indicated that the amnesty decree "provides the necessary means" to override the Board's decision. Juan Callejas, Rios Montt's campaign manager, told AFP, "From the moment he was granted amnesty, Rios Montt...is clean..., a common civilian with all of his rights" intact. A final decision concerning Rios Montt's candidacy will derive from the Supreme Court, which has received a petition from Platform 90, a coalition of four parties running Rios Montt as its candidate. (Basic data from AFP, 09/04/90; EFE-ACAN, 09/05/90)

-- End --