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## **U.N. Secretary Secretary Recommends Reduction In Central America Peacekeeping Force**

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On Oct. 31, General Javier Perez de Cuellar recommended to the Security Council that the UN peacekeeping force in Central America (ONUCA) be reduced. The secretary general recommended the land and air contingents of the force be cut from 413 to 158 by mid-December, and suggested extending its mandate to May 1991. He added that the ONUCA would return to its original mission to verify the end of assistance to irregular forces and insurgents in the region. Perez de Cuellar did not mention reducing the group's naval force of four patrol boats and 29 troops in the Gulf of Fonseca along the coasts of Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador. (Basic data from AFP, 10/31/90)

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