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In an April 29 paid newspaper advertisement, the Lorenzo Zelaya Revolutionary Popular Forces (FPR) urged Hondurans to participate in the struggle for democratization. The FPR condemned the subordination of civilian authority to the military, and requested that President Rafael Callejas decree a broad and unconditional amnesty for political and common criminals, abolish anti-terrorism legislation and paramilitary groups, and release farmers from prison who were involved in land tenure disputes. The rebels said government economic austerity policies violate Hondurans' "most elementary economic and social rights." Finally, the FPR denounced Washington's "criminal intervention" in Central America, described as responsible for 200,000 deaths and large-scale material damages. The FPR, created in 1980, is the largest Honduran rebel organization. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 04/29/91)

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