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## **U.S. Mining Company Threatens To Pull Out Of Honduras**

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On Oct. 24, violence erupted at American Pacific's (AMPAC) El Mochito silver mine when 60 soldiers attempted to open up an access road to the mine. Fifty former employees and family members had blocked the road to Las Vegas, Santa Barbara department, since they were fired two weeks ago. One civilian was killed, and 17 civilians and three soldiers were injured. AMPAC employees launched a strike Oct. 9 to pressure the company into reinstating the fired workers. AMPAC is accused of union busting activities. Both the union and AMPAC rejected a proposal for government mediation in the conflict by Labor Minister Rodolfo Rosales. President Rafael Callejas appointed an official commission to investigate the incident. Military spokesperson Col. Napoleon Santos said the civilians were responsible for the violence. On Oct. 26, AMPAC manager Frederick Wagner told reporters that operations at El Mochito would be temporarily suspended. Wanger said that if the dispute is not settled, the company plans to pull out of Honduras. According to Wagner, 10 foreign employees along with 55 relatives were vacated to Costa Rica for security reasons. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 10/24/91; AFP, 10/24/91, 10/26/91)

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