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On Oct. 22, daily newspaper El Panama-America reported that the government will spend US\$100 million in 1992 on public security forces. The figure represents a 10% increase compared to 1990. Police forces will receive US\$87.2 million. The amount includes US\$73.2 million for general police operations; US\$6.8 million for the National Air Service; and, US\$3.4 million for the canal zone police. The National Security Council, under the office of the president, is to receive US\$1.8 million. Next, US\$2.6 million are to be spent on security services for government administrative offices. The total includes US\$160,000 for equipment and weapons acquisition. The Technical Judicial Police, an auxiliary force linked to the public prosecutor's office, will receive almost US\$6 million. (Basic data from Inter Press Service, 10/22/91)

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