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On Nov. 12, National Progress Party (PAN) spokespersons announced that the party was leaving the ruling party coalition and joining the "constructive opposition." PAN leaders began expressing dissatisfaction with President Jorge Serrano and his Solidary Action Movement (MAS) party after Serrano officially recognized the independence of Belize. PAN leader Alvaro Arzu then resigned his post as foreign minister. PAN’s separation from the governing coalition leaves Serrano in a precarious position in the national congress. MAS holds only 18 of 116 congressional seats. If the 12 PAN deputies now vote together with the opposition National Center Union (UCN-39 seats) and Christian Democrat Party (DC-27 seats), they can easily override the executive's legislative initiatives. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 11/13/91)

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