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On March 12, spokespersons for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) told reporters that at least 400 of the Salvadoran refugees remaining in Honduras would return to their country before the end of March. The spokespersons indicated that the return would be voluntary. On March 17, Abraham Garcia Turcos, president of the Honduran National Refugee Commission (CONARE), said a total of 568 Salvadoran refugees would be repatriated on March 20. He added that 325 would settle in Cabanas department, and 243 in Cuscatlan department. About 1,400 Salvadorans remain in the Mesa Grande camp in southwestern Honduras. (Basic data from Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, 03/12/92, 03/17/92)

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