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SUMMARY:

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1. THE WIDE-RANGING "OPERATION JUPITER" AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS IN NORTHEAST COLOMBIA CONTINUED TO YIELD SOME RESULTS THIS REPORTING PERIOD. BUT ITS SHORT TERM GOAL TO PREVENT ELN SABOTAGE OF THE OIL PIPELINE HAS THUS FAR BEEN ONLY MARGINALLY EFFECTIVE. AFTER MONTHS OF A UNILATERAL CEASEFIRE, THE FARC GUERRILLA GROUP BECAME MORE VIOLENTLY ACTIVE IN LATE JULY. THE POLICE HAS RELEASED A REPORT STATING THAT 13,000 WERE KILLED IN COLOMBIA THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 AS A RESULT OF SUBVERSIVE, VIGILANTE AND NARCOTRAFFICKING VIOLENCE. POLITICAL/NARCO KILLINGS INCREASED IN LATE JULY.

I. ARMY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS

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"OPERATION JUPITER" CONTINUES  
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2. THE JUPITER OFFENSIVE CONTINUED IN THE SECOND HALF OF JULY MAINLY IN THE NORTH AND NORTHEASTERN DEPARTMENTS OF ANTIOQUIA, SANTANDER, NORTE DE SANTANDER, BOLIVAR, CESAR AND IN THE ARAUCA TERRITORY ON THE EASTERN PLAINS. THE ARMY LAUNCHED THE OFFENSIVE IN JUNE (REFTEL) TO ENVELOP SUBVERSIVES (ESPECIALLY THE CASTROITE ELN) IN A SERIES OF Pincer OPERATIONS. OFFICIAL ARMY SOURCES REPORTED IN THE PRESS THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN IN JULY CASUALTIES. KILLED WERE 23 ELN, 24 FARC, 11 EPL, 23 ELN AND 4 M 19: A TOTAL OF 62 GUERRILLAS. THE ARMED FORCES WITHSTOOD 19 FATALITIES

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AND 22 WOUNDED. IN THE SAME PERIOD THEY CAPTURED 7 FARC, 3 EPL, 6 ELN AND 8 M-19.

M-19 LEADERSHIP ACCUSES ARMY OF MURDERING FOUR MEMBERS

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3. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE M-19 GUERRILLA MOVEMENT HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN A PEACE DIALOGUE WITH THE GOC FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS. IT HAS REJECTED THE OFFICIAL ARMY ACCOUNT THAT THE FOUR M-19 FATALITIES LISTED IN THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH WERE KILLED IN BATTLE. THE M-19 CLAIMS THAT THE FOUR WERE INSTRUCTING RURAL RESIDENTS IN SANTANDER DEPARTMENT ON THE PEACE PROCESS WHEN THEY WERE APPREHENDED AND KILLED BY THE MILITARY. THE M-19 HAS TAKEN THE CASE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND IS REQUESTING A FULL INVESTIGATION.

II. GUERRILLA ACTIVITY

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4. IN THIS REPORTING PERIOD, THE MOST ACTIVE GUERRILLA GROUPS WERE THE ELN AND THE FARC. AFTER ITS FEBRUARY DECLARATION OF A UNILATERAL CEASEFIRE AND ITS SUBSEQUENT APPEALS TO THE GOC FOR A PEACE DIALOGUE, THE FARC'S RESUMPTION OF VIOLENT ACTIVITY IN THIS QUARTER IS NOTEWORTHY.

ACTIVITIES BY THE ELN GUERRILLAS

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5. THE ELN FINALLY FREED ANTHROPOLOGIST BRUCE OLSON, A FORMER AMCIT, ON JULY 21. OLSON WAS ABDUCTED IN NORTE DE SANTANDER LAST OCTOBER. HE WAS ORIGINALLY ACCUSED BY THE ELN OF BEING A CIA AGENT BENT ON DESTROYING THE MOTILON INDIAN POPULATION, WHOM HE HAD SERVED AS A MISSIONARY FOR 29 YEARS. NOT AS LUCKY WAS OLSON'S FELLOW HOSTAGE, NATIONAL POLICE 1ST SGT ELIRIO DE JESUS HENAO, WHOM THE ELN CHARGED WITH COOPERATING WITH VIGILANTE GROUPS AND EXECUTED SHORTLY AFTER RELEASING OLSON.

6. IN JULY, THE ELN BLEW UP TWO SEGMENTS OF THE CANO LIMON-COVENAS OIL PIPELINE IN ARAUCA AND NORTE DE

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SANTANDER, DESPITE THE ONGOING ARMY OFFENSIVE IN THAT AREA. IT ALSO SABOTAGED TWO SEGMENTS OF THE PACIFIC OIL PIPELINE NEAR THE OCEAN COAST ON JULY 20 AND 30, RESPECTIVELY. ALSO, AN ELN UNIT DESTROYED 3 OIL TRUCKS BEARING 54,000 BBLs. OF CRUDE IN THE EASTERN PLAINS ON

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JULY 25.

7. A 30-MAN ELN UNIT ATTACKED A RAILROAD STATION AND A POLICE POST IN DOWNTOWN BARRANCABERMEJA, IN THE NORTHERN DEPARTMENT OF SANTANDER ON JULY 28. THE 12 POLICE AGENTS MANAGED TO REPEL THE ATTACK ON THE STATION, BUT SUFFERED ONE FATALITY.

INDEX OF FARC GUERRILLA ACTIVITY

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8. A UNIT OF THE 27TH FRONT OF THE FARC GUERRILLAS AMBUSHED AND KILLED 8 MEMBERS OF A POWERFUL VIGILANTE GROUP IN META DEPARTMENT ON THE EASTERN PLAINS JULY 30 (SEPTEL).

9. A FARC UNIT BELONGING TO THE GROUP'S 7TH FRONT AMBUSHED AN ARMY PATROL IN SAN ANTONIO, BOYACA DEPARTMENT IN THE NORTH, ON JULY 24, KILLING THREE SOLDIERS AND WOUNDING ONE.

10. ANOTHER FARC UNIT ON THE SAME DAY INVADED MADEO MUNICIPALITY, ANTIOQUIA, AND EXECUTED THE LOCAL POLICE INSPECTOR.

III. INDEX OF OTHER VIOLENCE:

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POLICE BRUIT STATS ON 1989 VIOLENCE  
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11. THE NATIONAL POLICE RELEASED A REPORT JULY 17 STATING THAT 13,000 WERE KILLED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 AS A RESULT OF SUBVERSIVE, VIGILANTE AND NARCOTRAFFICKING VIOLENCE. AS IN 1988, THE HIGHEST INCIDENCE OF VIOLENT DEATHS IN 1989 OCCURRED IN THE BANANA-GROWING REGION OF URABA (ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENT, NEAR THE BORDER WITH PANAMA), IN THE MAGDALENA MEDIO RIVER VALLEY AREA, AND IN MEDELLIN. THERE WERE 387 KIDNAPPINGS IN 1989, AND 160 VICTIMS ARE STILL IN THE HANDS OF THEIR CAPTORS, WHO ARE EITHER COMMON CRIMINALS, SUBVERSIVES OR NARCOTRAFFICKERS. SO FAR THIS YEAR, SUBVERSIVES AND COMMON CRIMINALS HAVE PERPETRATED 374 DYNAMITE ATTACKS AGAINST THE OIL INDUSTRY, COMMERCIAL CONCERNS, AND PRIVATE HOMES. THE CANO LIMON-COVENAS SEGMENT IN NORTE DE SANTANDER DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN THE MAJOR TARGET.

ASSASSINATIONS INCREASE IN LATE JULY  
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JUDGE KILLED IN ANTIOQUIA BY MEDELLIN NARCOS  
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12. TEN UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN IN TWO CARS ASSASSINATED JUDGE MARIA HELENA DIAZ PEREZ AND TWO BODYGUARDS AS THE LATTER CRUISED DOWNTOWN MEDELLIN IN HER OFFICIAL VEHICLE ON JULY 28 (SEPTEL). THE JUDGE HAD WARRANTS PENDING FOR THE ARRESTS OF MEDELLIN CARTEL CAPOS PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA AND GONZALO RODRIGUEZ GACHA FOR THE MASSACRES OF CAMPESINOS IN ANTIOQUIA'S URABA REGION.

SIX COUNCILMEN KILLED IN TWO WEEKS  
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13. TWO LIBERAL, TWO SOCIAL CONSERVATIVE, AND TWO PATRIOTIC UNION (UP) COUNCILMEN WERE ALL KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN IN A TWO WEEK PERIOD (JULY 14-27). THE FIRST VICTIM WAS SOCIAL CONSERVATIVE ALFONSO NORIEGA IN FLORENCIA, CAPITAL OF CAQUETA DEPARTMENT IN THE SOUTH. LIBERAL EDILBERTO RENTERIA MONTOYA AND CONSERVATIVE LORENZO HOYOS WERE BOTH KILLED ON JULY 24,

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IN CACERES (ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENT IN THE NORTH) AND BETANIA (HUILA DEPARTMENT IN THE SOUTH), RESPECTIVELY. THE NEXT DAY, UP COUNCILMAN CARLOS ALCARAZ AND THE LIBERAL MARIA CAMAYO WERE BOTH KILLED IN CAUCA DEPARTMENT IN THE SOUTHWEST. THE LAST TWO KILLED WERE CONSERVATIVE CARLOS SANTA QUICENO, IN THE CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF RISARALDA, AND UP COUNCILMAN SAMUEL SERRANO MENESES, WHO WAS MACHINEGUNNED BY TWO MEN IN A MOTORCYCLE IN GRANADA, META DEPARTMENT IN THE EASTERN PLAINS.

TWELVE CAMPESINOS KILLED IN 3 DEPARTMENTS

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14. DIFFERENT GROUPS OF UNIDENTIFIED KILLERS MASSACRED FOUR CAMPESINOS IN CALI (VALLE DEL CAUCA) AND FIVE IN TURBO (THE URABA BANANA-GROWING ZONE IN ANTIOQUIA) ON JULY 23. FIVE MORE RURAL RESIDENTS WERE ABDUCTED FROM THEIR HOMES BY GUNMEN AND LATER FOUND DEAD IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF ANDALUCIA (ALSO VALLE DEL CAUCA) ON JULY 24. AUTHORITIES SPECULATE THAT THE VALLE DEL CAUCA KILLINGS WERE ORDERED BY LOCAL CATTLE FARMERS WHO SUSPECTED THE VICTIMS OF BEING RUSTLERS.

CUT LABOR LEADER KILLED

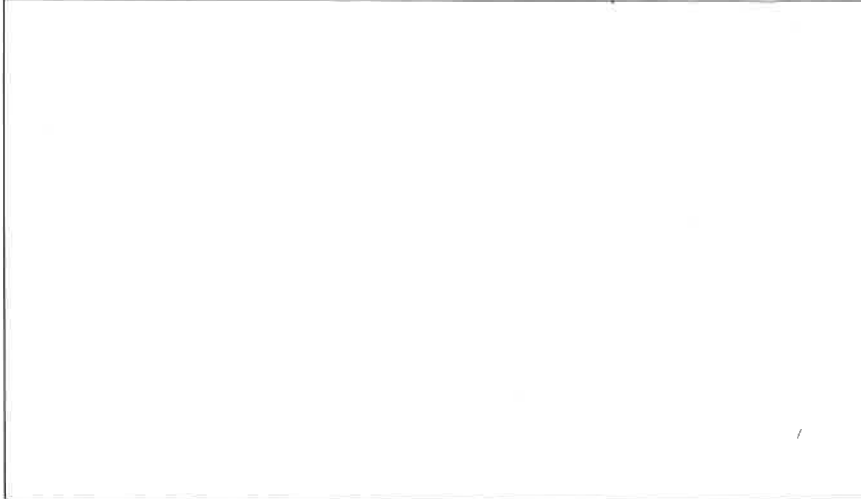
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15. THREE GUNMEN WAYLAID AND SHOT TO DEATH HENRY CUENCA VEGA, A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITARIAN WORKERS CENTRAL (CUT), IN BOGOTA ON JULY 30. THE COMMUNIST-MAJORITY CUT IS COLOMBIA'S LARGEST LABOR CONFEDERATION. CUENCA WAS ALSO PRESIDENT OF ONE OF THE CUT'S STRONGEST AFFILIATES, THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF

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