

## Dateline Mexico by Josefina Menéndez

### Behind the Guatemala atrocities

*The Israeli mafia is helping to turn Mexico into a cauldron instead of a Central America mediator.*

**T**wo hundred Guatemalan soldiers entered Mexican territory on the evening of April 30 and butchered 12 Guatemalan peasants in the El Chupadero refugee camp. The camp is one of many that exist in the area near Guatemala, where 150,000 refugees are just 6-10 kilometers from the border.

This is not the first time that "unknown" armed groups have made incursions into Mexico to "punish" and kill refugees. Mexican intelligence officers believe that these "punishments" are related less to the refugees than to a policy of destabilizing the Mexican government.

After the incident, the Mexican foreign minister issued a strongly worded official denunciation of the incursion, and asked the government of Guatemala to make a full investigation of the identity of these "unknown" groups that were wearing uniforms of the Guatemalan Army. The official message was presented to the government of Gen. Humberto Mejía Víctores, who has been described by Mexican sources as a "Ríos Montt with a different face." Ríos Montt was the Guatemalan cultist strongman ousted last year.

The Guatemalan government answered Mexico's note by claiming that the authors of the attack were a "subversive group" that is active inside the refugee camps, and had nothing to do with the Guatemalan Army. The government did not, however, identify the "subversive group."

On May 10, Mexican Interior Minister Manuel Bartlett announced

that the government had decided to move the refugee camps away from the Guatemalan border because they are a "focus of tensions" for Mexico's national security. The government also took measures to stop the flow of refugees by announcing that in the near future it would send more troops and security officials to the border areas.

Although Mexico does not deny the presence of terrorists in the refugee camps, the government's real concern is why Guatemala is "taking the law into its own hands." Informed Mexican sources state that the incursions are part of an international Nazi-communist campaign to create the image that Mexico encourages terrorist sanctuaries within its territory.

Intelligence sources based in Mexico have made the point that Guatemala is now being run by members of the intelligence service of the Israeli Army, tied to Ariel Sharon and the "Israeli mafia" in the United States and Latin America, who are in the midst of the narcotics and arms dealings in the region.

Several weeks before the attack, Gen. Humberto Mejía Víctores had visited Miami, where he met with U.S. and Israeli officials to set up the details of establishing a large military complex in Guatemala with U.S.-Israeli patronage.

This military complex is to have two divisions, domestic and foreign. The foreign division of 8,000 soldiers will "combat the eventual expansion of communism."

The domestic unit will be formed

by 12,000 men recruited from all the paramilitary groups. Its main task will be to exterminate the guerrillas in the country. This division will also contemplate "incursions into Mexican territory in search of guerrillas."

Mexican authorities, knowing of the Miami meeting, moved rapidly to try to prevent precisely what occurred. One day before the incursion, there was a well-publicized meeting between Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid and the officials of his government who deal with the Guatemalan refugee camps. The decision was that the government would move those camps out of the perimeter of the border area.

The Guatemalan Army's raids against populations are well known to be designed to push them into Mexican territory and destabilize the Mexican economy and society. But in addition, Israeli government officials tied to Sharon are being used by the U.S. State Department to "push Contadora out."

Some months back, just a few days before the Contadora Group (Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, and Panama) was planning a ministerial-level meeting to sign a statement of intent with its Central American counterparts, the foreign ministers of El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Honduras issued a statement intended to wreck the meeting. El Salvador and Costa Rica recently moved their embassies in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem as a payment for security and intelligence assistance.

The Guatemalan border incursions, which attempt to portray Mexico as a haven for terrorists, are designed to wreck Mexico's role as a member of the Contadora Group. Henry Kissinger would prefer to have Mexico viewed as a protagonist in the conflict, rather than a nation qualified to play a mediation role.