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Rebel leaders arrive for talks

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) - Two top guerrilla leaders arrived Sunday for meetings with Pres. Jose Napoleon Duarte aimed at ending the country's five-year civil war. It was the first time in more than four years that rebel leaders had appeared in public

Guillermo Ungo and Ruben Zamora, president and vice president respectively of the Democratic Revolutionary Front, political ally of leftist guerrillas fighting the government, arrived aboard a Colombian air force plane accompanied by Latin and European diplomats.

"We are here because we want a dialogue, we want progress towards peace," Ungo

"Personally, this is a very emotional time for me. But personal feelings aside, we are here to seek peace, justice and democracy for El Salvador," Zamora said.

Ungo said two guerrilla commanders - Eduardo Sancho Castaneda, known as Ferman Cienfuegos, of the Armed Forces of National Liberation; and Joaquin Villa Lobos of the Revolutionary People's Army would attend the talks with Duarte. There was no definite word on whether the three other rebel field commanders would attend the talks, although a Salvadoran church source said they would.

El Salvador's five main guerrilla groups form the umbrella Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front.

"I cannot speak for Mr. Duarte, but the (rebels) have sufficient power, political and military, to start a conversation aimed at peace," Zamora said.

A guerrilla leader said that although the rebels are committed to attending the talks Monday, four key points remained to be settled.

Salvador Samayoa, one of seven members of the commission that represents the rebels' political and military fronts in negotiations, said Duarte has created a "circus atmosphere" in La Palma, the northern mountain town where the talks are to be held.

"There are no controls on the population and this could lead to an unpleasant incident,' Samayoa said in a telephone interview from Panama with Radio Sonora of San Salvador.

Duarte has invited his supporters in the labor movement to organize a caravan of thousands of workers and peasants to accompany him to La Palma. Samayoa said rebels are concerned violence could

A French diplomat, who asked not to be identified for protocol reasons, said France's ambassador to El Salvador, Jean-Pierre Chauvet, and other diplomats who arrived with Zamora and Ungo planned to travel to La Palma with the

Ungo said he wanted the diplomats to witness the talks because "it would guarantee a more complete and fair dialogue.'

"I don't know if they will be invited to take part in the talks. but everybody else is going along for the drive so why shouldn't we," the French diplomat said.

Tension reigns at Beirut school

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) -Karyl Wade returned to her teaching job at the American University of Beirut this fall, eager for classes to get under

"There are a lot of us who like this country, who enjoy teaching here," she said as she walked along the tree-shaded

mall on the 70-acre campus in west Beirut last week. "There's always a possibility of problems, but we've handled them in the past and we'll handle what comes along.'

Wade, an English instructor from Toledo, Ohio, is one of more than 30 American teachers or administrators on the 450-member staff at the university this year.

That's about a dozen fewer Americans than a year ago, but the reduction does not seem drastic, considering that the last academic year saw the assassination of the university president and repeated threats against resident Americans.

'That we have survived at all is a miracle, I suppose," said one long-time Arab faculty member who spoke on condition he not be identified. "But what we are and what we shall become is anyone's guess. One thing is certain: AUB's golden years are over.'

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