



## Colombian military frees M-19 controllers

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This week, the military command of the Colombian Armed Forces released from jail two key individuals charged with complicity in the activity of the terrorist M-19 guerrilla group that is currently holding 22 diplomats hostage in the Dominican embassy in Bogota. Tony Lopez Oyuela, a former judge of the Colombian Superior Military Tribunal, and Maria Cristina de Fals, wife of the renowned "leftist" sociologist Orlando Fals Borda, walked out of prison March 24, ending a 14-month detention. They had been charged with involvement in the M-19's spectacular January 1979 theft of four thousand guns from a military stockade in Bogota.

Most of the international press reported this as a sign of "softening" in the government's position toward the M-19 occupiers of the Dominican Embassy. There is "progress in the negotiations," the argument runs.

But the facts of the case confirm the *EIR's* contrary contention that the entire embassy takeover has been a carefully deployed charade from the start. Lopez Oyuela and Fals, far from being mere M-19 militants being "exchanged", are in fact two of the highest level *controllers* of the M-19 with demonstrable links into the Colombian military itself and into international Jesuit networks. In freeing them, the Colombian military was releasing two of their own, accomplishing the double purpose of lending further dangerous credence to the legitimacy and power of the M-19.

The evidence against Lopez Oyuela and Fals is overwhelming, and was elaborated at length in the *EIR Special Report*, "Iran Comes to Latin America." Below, we quote the relevant sections of that Report.

Two weeks ago the Venezuelan magazine *Resumen* published a report which revealed that Colonel Rojas Orjuela, second-in-command of the Bogota police force, learned of and forwarded to his superiors information on a planned assault on the Dominican embassy nearly two weeks prior to the M-19 takeover. The information was suppressed and, as is well known, no security was provid-

## The 'foreigners' organize the 'peasant uprisings'

*Rafael Fernández Tomas, a leading spokesman for the nationalist PST party of Mexico, warned in the March 17th issue of the Mexican daily El Dia, that reactionary "religious" forces in Mexico were being aided by Americans to destabilize Mexico. He revealed that peasant anti-government revolts are being organized by these groups and are targeting the crucial Huasteca oil fields.*

*The following are quotes from Fernández Tomas's article, headlined "The Risk of an Independent International Policy and Brzezinski's Views—Beware of the Provocations in the Huasteca."*

In the Huasteca, a dozen families have kept the best lands and introduced terror through thugs and the White Guards (name given to paramilitary groups—ed.)...In mid-July of 1979 a former army

sargeant appeared in the Huasteca leading a group of men armed with modern equipment, calling itself the "October 2nd" organization. He warned the townspeople about guerrillas in the zone. Nevertheless, during the ensuing ten months his actions have been directed exclusively against the peasant leaders who do not accept armed struggle. Coincidentally, none of these actions have hurt the large land owners...only the peasant leaders.

In tandem with the emergence of this group, religious groups have also appeared. They claim to be Germans, but it has been confirmed that they are Americans.

...Peasants from several towns in the area...agree that since mid-1979, a helicopter has been landing consistently in the mountains and it is public knowledge in this area that this helicopter as well as trucks are delivering arms.

At the end of last year, "Simon the German," a very tall and thin foreigner appeared in Huejutla, in Tlachinol and Chicontepec...This man repeatedly sought out the peasants of the region to tell them that to free themselves of their misery and ignorance "they should rise up in arms against the government."