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**FMLN MUST RENOUNCE ASSASSINATION (House of Representatives - July 16, 1991)**

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(Mr. MOAKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, all of us in the Congress were outraged at the news last week that two members of a social service organization in **El Salvador** were brutally tortured and one murdered. Suspicion has understandably been cast on the rightwing in **El Salvador** as being responsible for this despicable act.

But the extreme right in **El Salvador** has no monopoly on murder and destruction in that country.

I rise today to condemn the recent FMLN slaying of Salvadoran Army Capt. Carlos Alfredo Lopez--which took place on June 17. The captain was killed not in the heat of some battle but off-duty and in civilian clothes. He was killed in front of his home and leaves behind a wife and two little daughters.


Mr. Speaker, in my view there is simply no excuse for this type of behavior. No grounds of ideology or difference of political belief justifies cold blooded murder. And what is more astounding to me is that the FMLN proudly claimed credit for this atrocity--at a time when its leaders claim to want more understanding from the international community.

This type of action undermines the peace talks and encourages extremists on both sides of initiate similar actions.

Mr. Speaker, the negotiations between the Salvadoran Government and the opposition FMLN are continuing--due in large part to the steadfast efforts of the United Nations mediator Alvaro de Soto.

These negotiations are clearly at a delicate stage and it is important that both sides make every effort to advance the talks and refrain from actions designed to disrupt them.

The FMLN claims to honor justice and desire peace. So today I say to the FMLN prove that you mean what you say--renounce assassination and prosecute the murderers among you just as you challenge the military to prosecute its own killers.

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**STATUS OF EL SALVADOR NEGOTIATIONS (House of Representatives - September 05, 1990)**

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(Mr. MOAKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, last month another round in the negotiations between the Government of **El Salvador** and the opposition FMLN was held in San Jose, Costa Rica. The goal of the negotiations is a peaceful settlement to a long and brutal war that has already claimed over 70,000 lives.

Unfortunately the negotiations last month did not go well. Almost no progress was made on the key issue of military reform. The FMLM's proposal on this subject was particularly extreme and unrealistic and provided no opportunity for the United Nations mediator to bring the two sides closer together.

Another round of negotiations is scheduled to begin next week. I hope that the FMLN position will be more flexible at that time, and that the mediators will be encouraged by both sides, to develop proposals aimed at establishing a middle ground.

I also condemn, in the strongest possible terms, FMLN threats of another military offensive. The Salvadoran people are sick of war, and sick of people, who talk of nothing but war.

In this connection, I think it ironic that last May, this House voted to provide strong incentives for the FMLN to refrain from a new offensive, to refrain from purchasing arms, to refrain from attacks against civilians, and to negotiate in good faith.

The administration opposed that plan and, as a result, those incentives are not now in law. I only hope that the administration's opposition to the proposal, which was offered by Rep. **John Murtha** and myself, does not lead inadvertently to further violence in **El Salvador**.

And I hope that we will, in the weeks ahead, pass legislation that will provide strong incentives for both sides in **El Salvador** to respect human rights and to end this senseless war.

I would also add that I am encouraged by the administration's willingness to attempt to reach an accommodation on this issue with the Congress, and I am confident in the weeks ahead. This will happen.

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