

Colombian program allows drug traffickers to avoid extradition

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The Colombian government hopes its program of offering drug traffickers the opportunity to avoid extradition to the United States will help put an end to the devastating violence that has plagued that country.

The program, implemented in September by President Cesar Gaviria Frujillo — and amended last week — guarantees that traffickers will not be extradited to the United States for prosecution. The program also allows

drug traffickers to turn themselves in and face prosecution for only one charge to which they admit.

A spokeswoman from the Colombian embassy in Washington D.C., who declined to give her name, said the new program was a continuation of past policy.

When asked about the objectives of the program, she replied, "Peace is very important, but also to reduce drugs."

As previously reported, the program has been labeled a sellout by opponents of the plan within Colombia. They say

the government has given the traffickers license to commit crimes and then surrender.

In Colombia, where the homicide rate is five times higher than in the United States, about 16,000 people have lost their lives during each of the last several years, according to Jonathan Hartlyn, University political science professor. About 2,000 to 3,000 of these violent deaths are drug-related, he said.

Peter Hakim, staff director of the Inter-American Dialogue, said: "The first task has to be to stop this range of

violence. The Colombians are less concerned than the United States about stopping the flow of drugs, and more about the violence and intimidation inflicted by traffickers.

"This policy is not a retreat. It is a tactical shift from an all-out war to trying to reach some accord. The government is accepting less than complete victory in exchange for a more peaceful society."

The reaction in the United States to Gaviria's program has been mixed. There are those people who prefer a

strict approach, yielding nothing to the traffickers, Hakim said. There are also people who recognize that violence creates an intolerable situation, he said.

Ben Banta of the Office of National Drug Control Policy said that, from the White House policy viewpoint, "Certainly we would like to bring these people to justice in the United States, but from a policy standpoint we are supportive of Gaviria's efforts. Gaviria is trying to find some political middle ground to set his feet on the ground."

Hartlyn and Hakim both agreed that

the U.S. support for the program represents a departure from past U.S. policy. The United States is showing concern for the trauma experienced by Colombian state institutions, they said. The U.S. is letting the Colombians deal with the problem in their own manner.

"Four years ago this would not have happened," Hartlyn said. "The United States would have condemned the policy by Colombia. The hope is that by focusing on state institutions, it should have a dramatic impact on reducing overall levels of violence."

Israel not planning retaliation now

From Associated Press reports

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Monday that Israel is suffering from its restraint in the Persian Gulf War but will not retaliate against Iraq without coordinating with the United States.

In his first major speech since the start of the war, Shamir left open the option of retaliating for Iraqi missile attacks. He told parliament that "an end will come" for Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Also Monday, Defense Minister Moshe Arens told Palestinian leaders he was willing to take steps to ease a curfew that has been in effect in the

occupied territories war began.

However, he made no promises about ending it.

During the war, Iraq has fired about 30 SCUD missiles at Israel, killing two civilians and wounding 270 others. Israel has not retaliated, partly because such a step could destabilize the U.S.-led anti-Iraqi front, which includes Arab countries.

"Our contending with this, and our lack of active participation in defending the country, is causing us suffering, because it is contrary to our principles," Shamir said in his speech.

"The time for us to take direct action against the Iraqi enemy will come when

we ourselves make a decision to this effect in accordance with circumstances," he said.

Shamir added that Israeli retaliation would require "an appropriate process of consultations with the United States."

The prime minister pointed to the pain inflicted on Israel by Saddam's threat to use chemical weapons, but said this also brought determination.

"Facing his demonic missiles, in our sealed rooms, men, women and children ... we all feel the common heartbeat that pulses within us all, our determination to survive, our love for our homeland ... and knowledge that an end will come for the tyrant who has arisen."

Shamir praised a "great effort" by the United States to eliminate Iraqi missile launchers and noted the U.S. airlift of Patriot anti-missile missiles had helped to defend the country.

His speech came at the end of a parliament debate on the gulf crisis.

Martin still has no plan for waste site

From Associated Press reports

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Martin offered no new solutions to North Carolina's hazardous waste impasse during his trip to the National Governors' Association in Washington.

"There's no point in negotiating from a position of weakness," Martin said in an interview with the Raleigh News and Observer.

"Until we've got something new to put on the table, we'd just be spinning our wheels."

That's basically the position the Republican governor has taken since the Council of State, dominated by Democrats, killed a proposal he had supported to build a hazardous-waste incinerator on state-owned land in Butner.

With that vote Dec. 13, North Carolina returned to square one in its longstanding promise to South Carolina, Alabama and other states that it would take a turn at building and operating a hazardous-waste treatment site.

The action infuriated South Carolina and Alabama, both of which have accepted waste from North Carolina producers for years. They are trying to overturn federal court rulings blocking them from enforcing a law that would let them shut their gates to shipments from North Carolina.

Ordinarily, the National Governors' Association meeting Sunday would be the ideal setting for Martin to cajole Govs. Carroll Campbell of South Carolina and Guy Hunt of Alabama are his only fellow Republican chief ex-

ecutives among the 11 states of the old Confederacy. In happier times, that would give them a political bond.

But the two governors, pressed by critics, have run out of patience.

"North Carolina is currently in violation of federal law, and the federal government is not doing anything about it," Campbell said recently.

Martin says the Democratic-controlled General Assembly now must decide how North Carolina will handle its hazardous waste and fulfill its obligation to its neighbors.

"We've got to show we're responsible," Martin said. When the nation's governors discuss hazardous waste, he said, "I can speak on the subject, but I don't speak from a tower of responsibility."

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Noon BCC Black History Roundtable Discussion Series: The topic is "The Miseducation of the Negro." Bring lunch; punch and cookies will be served until 1:30 p.m. All are invited.
3 p.m. Study Abroad will hold an information session about our programs in Bologna and Siena, Italy, in 12 Caldwell Hall.
UCPPS will sponsor The Survival Skills Workshop, the last program in the Competitive Edge Services, until 5 p.m. in 205 Union. Four panelists will provide hints for handling discrimination and coping strategies for graduate school or the first job.
3:30 p.m. International Careers: A panel discussion will be held today in 224 Union. All students are welcome. Sponsored by UCPPS and the Office of International Programs.
4 p.m. Study Abroad will hold an information session about our program in Beijing, China. In 12 Caldwell Hall.
"The Miseducation of the Negro" will be held again today in the BCC until 5:30 p.m.
5 p.m. The UNC Juggling Club will meet from 5-9 p.m. For location, please call Becky at 942-9584.
6:30 p.m. International Potluck Dinner Come share delicious dishes from around the world on second floor Carmichael tonight and the first Tuesday of every month. It is always lots of fun! Questions? Call Claire at 933-0924.
7 p.m. Scavengers Alert! TARP, the Tar Heel Recycling Program, will meet in 205 Union for Scavenger Hunt take-off and paper recycling education. New members welcome!
The UNC Chess Club meets tonight and every Tuesday night on the second floor of the Union.
7:30 p.m. Carolina Fever invites you to the Dunk Contest! Check out some awesome dunks in Carmichael Auditorium.
Student Government offers FREE tutoring CHEM 11, BIOL 11, ECON 10, MATH 22, 30 & 31, STAT 11 & 23, French 1-4 and Spanish 1-4 tonight and every Tuesday night until 9:30 p.m. on the second floor of Dey Hall.
8 p.m. UNC Young Democrats present a forum on censorship in 211 Union. All are welcome.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST
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The Theatre Arts Committee will present the LORELEIS in concert Friday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. Also featured will be a men's group from UVA. Tickets are \$2 at the Union desk. Call 962-1157 for information.
Carolina Fever members should stop by the office to sign up for the Duke block.
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The Bicentennial Class Committee would like to invite all freshmen to a class meeting Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. in 211 Union. Come see what your class officers are doing. We need your input!
"Running Effective Meetings" workshop, facilitated by Anne Pressnell of University Housing, will be held Wednesday, Feb. 6 in 209 Union from 7-8:30 p.m. Sponsored by the N.C. Fellows/Leadership Development office. For more information, call 966-4041.
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