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SUBJ: STUDENT DISORDERS BREAK UP ASSEMBLY AT UASD

REF: A. SD-15131 B. SD-1539

1. JAN 16, DOM STUDENTS FEDERATION (FED) ASSEMBLY AT AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY (UASD) DISSOLVED INTO CHAIR-THROWING AND FIST-SWINGING MELEE, WHEN RIVAL STUDENT GROUPS CLASHED OVER RIGHT TO PODIUM. NO SERIOUS INJURIES REPORTED. PREVIOUSLY, UASD RECTOR CASTANOS AND COUNCIL PROPAGANDA COMMISSION HAD REPLIED TO REFORMISTA CHARGES THAT UASD "DEN" OF COMMUNISTS (REF A), WHILE POLICE DETENTION OF BUSES AND STUDENT OCCUPANTS CONTINUED PROVOKE CONTROVERSY.

2. IN LATE AFTERNOON JAN 16, FED HELD STUDENT ASSEMBLY ON UNIVERSITY GROUNDS, REPORTEDLY FOR PURPOSE UNITING RIVAL STUDENT GROUPS.