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Focuses on persecution perpetrated with tacit or overt government support {includes six specific categories):

F. Security Forces - Materials include abuses by specific branches of the military, specific military units, special forces, and other security forces {Air Force, Atlacatl Battalion, Treasury Police, National Police, etc)

E1 Salvador

Persecution by Security/Special Forces

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