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Federal Police Chief "Resigns"

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1. Interior Ministry communique released last night (July 6) announced resignation of new Federal Police Chief Corbetta. Corbetta had run into trouble almost immediately after his appointment when he made it clear to his subordinates that he meant what he said in his speech (see reftel), that is, that while he intended to press fight against subversion to full, he expected police to use only legal and ethical methods. He would not, he reportedly told subordinates, tolerate any illegal arrests, torture or murders. He is said to have warned them he intended to make unannounced inspection of police stations and that if he found any illegally held prisoners he would fire those responsible and bring charges against them in courts.

2. Police reaction against their new Chief was immediate

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