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## **Guatemala: Opening military archives is only a first step**

"Opening Guatemala's military archives is a long awaited positive step which Amnesty international welcomes. But the real test will be whether anyone is brought to justice for the hundreds of thousands of killings, torture and disappearances which took place during Guatemala's internal conflict," said Sebastian Elgueta, Guatemala researcher at Amnesty International.

Amnesty International's statement came in reaction to Guatemalan President Alvaro Colom's announcement that military archives spanning nearly four decades of civil war in Guatemala will be opened to the public.