

CRISIS IN HONDURAS

They're torturing me, Zelaya claims

■ Honduras' fallen leader told The Miami Herald he is being subjected to mind-altering gas and radiation - and that 'Israeli mercenaries' are planning to assassinate him.

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TEGUCIGALPA — It's been 89 days since Manuel Zelaya was booted from power. He's sleeping on chairs, and he claims his throat is sore from toxic gases and "Israeli mercenaries" are torturing him with high-frequency radiation.

"We are being threatened with death," he said in an interview with The Miami Herald, adding that mercenaries were likely to storm the embassy where he has been holed up since Monday and assassinate him.

"I prefer to march on my feet than to live on my knees before a military dictatorship," Zelaya said in a series of back-to-back interviews.

Zelaya was deposed at gunpoint on June 28 and slipped back into his country

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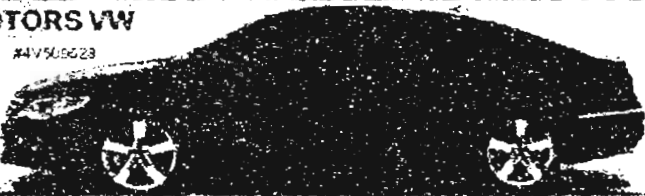
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