

EL SALVADOR



Flag Description: three equal horizontal bands of blue (top), white, and blue with the national coat of arms centered in the white band; the coat of arms features a round emblem encircled by the words REPUBLICA DE EL SALVADOR EN LA AMERICA CENTRAL.



Background: El Salvador achieved independence from Spain in 1821 and from the Central American Federation in 1839. A 12-year civil war, which cost about 75,000 lives, was brought to a close in 1992 when the government and leftist rebels signed a treaty that provided for military and political reforms.

Geography Location: Central America, bordering the North Pacific Ocean, between Guatemala and Honduras. Area: total: 21,040 sq km. Area - comparative: slightly smaller than Massachusetts. Land boundaries: total: 545 km. Border countries: Guatemala 203 km, Honduras 342 km. Coastline: 307 km. Climate: tropical; rainy season (May to October); dry season (November to April); tropical on coast; temperate in uplands. Terrain: mostly mountains with narrow coastal belt and central plateau. Natural resources: hydropower, geothermal power, petroleum, arable land. Natural hazards: known as the Land of Volcanoes; frequent and sometimes destructive earthquakes and volcanic

activity; extremely susceptible to hurricanes. Geography - note: smallest Central American country and only one without a coastline on Caribbean Sea.

Military: Military forces as of 2006; Salvadoran Army (ES), Salvadoran Navy (FNES), Salvadoran Air Force (Fuerza Aerea Salvadorena, FAS). (CIA World Factbook 2007)

1978 Carr, Wpns. Truck, Armd, 20mm, International Harvester.

1980 Carr, Wpns, Truck, Armd, 20mm, MAN 630.

1985 Car, Armd, 4x4, Truck, Armd, 4x4, CJ-7.

1985 Car, Armd, 4x4, Truck, Armd, 4x4, Ford "Astroboy"



1986 Car, Armd, 4x4, Veh, Assault, Light "Cashuat".

1990 Car, Armd, 4x4, Panhard AML-90.
Remarks: As of 1990 a total of 10 AML-90 armored cars were reported by the UN to be in service (see France for vehicle details).

1990 Carr, Pers, Armd, 4x4, UNIMOG UR-416.
Remarks: As of 1990 a total of eight UR-416 personnel carriers were reported by the UN as in service (see Switzerland for vehicle details).