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Bolivia Calm but Political Maneuvering Goes On

Bolivia is generally calm despite the continuing roundup of leftist labor leaders.

The move of troops into the mines will apparently occur in a day or so. Co-Presidents Barrientos and Ovando are still discussing implementation of the government's mine reorganization decree with delegations of miners, and efforts to sell the government program seem to have achieved some success. The miners are still well armed, however, and could start further trouble.

Despite their public display of cooperativeness, Barrientos and Ovando are almost certainly still at odds. Barrientos told [the US Air Attache] recently that after the mine problem was settled, Ovando should take a well-earned rest in Spain -- perhaps as ambassador. Barrientos also seems to be building up his own strongman within the army -- he frequently emphasizes his trust in the Chief of Staff, Col Vasquez.  
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