

# WOMEN GUERRILLAS KILLED IN URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO (Reuter) — Three women members of Uruguay's Tupamaros urban guerrilla group have been killed, along with a policeman, in a fierce gun battle in a suburb of this capital, police sources said Sunday.

Two army officers, a lieutenant-colonel and a captain were wounded in the same firefight Sunday, the sources said.

Observers said the incident appeared to have been the most serious involving guerillas since the armed forces backed right-wing President Juan Maria Bordaberry when he seized absolute power in a virtual coup d'etat last June.

Following the takeover, Parliament was suspended and left-wing political and union groups banned in the country which until not long ago was regarded as South America's most stable democracy.

The shooting started after a joint police-army patrol surrounded a house in the Cerrito de la Victoria suburb, intending to search the property, the sources said.

The occupants of the house opened fire on the patrol, a joint force of troops and police. After a fierce gun battle security forces entered the house and found the three dead guerrillas. A fourth guerrilla escaped, the sources said.