In December 1981, the U.S.-trained Alacatl Battalion of El Salvador’s army systematically killed an estimated 1,000 people in the rural village of El Mozote. Around 60% of the victims were children. The strategy was to eliminate any possible support for guerrilla groups operating in the region. It is regarded as the largest massacre of civilians by government forces in Latin America.
Success in this emblematic case would prove that the Salvadoran justice system can function effectively. Beyond promoting democracy and justice on the continent, a functional justice system in El Salvador could help decrease forced migration in the region.

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David Morales, private prosecuting attorney in the El Mozote case

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