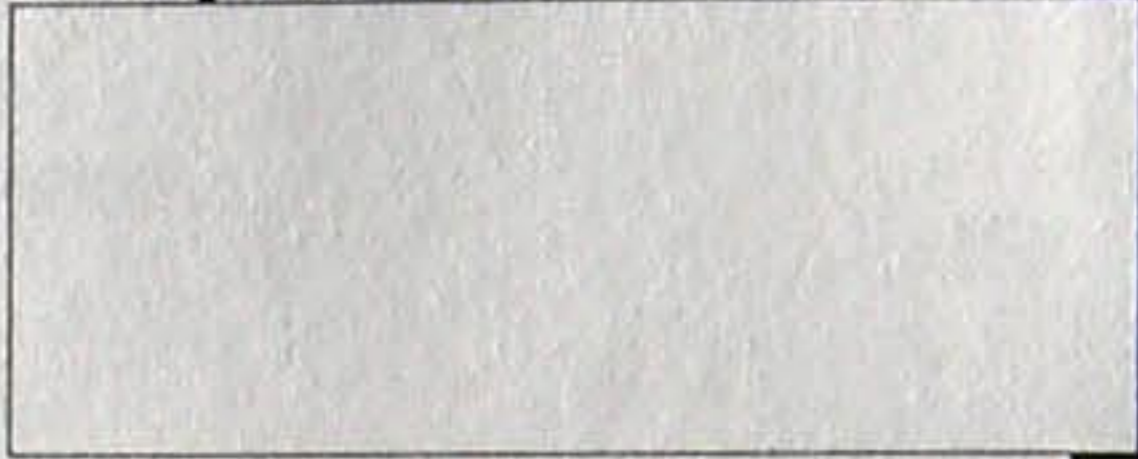




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Bignone is facing pressures from reform-minded officers and from a growing faction of hardline nationalists,

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[redacted] The removal from active duty this week of 18 high-ranking officers who had served in the Falklands was an effort to undercut some of the criticism from reformist officers who want to place blame for the defeat in the Falklands. The action also occurs against a backdrop of persistent reports of continuing deep divisions in the military. [redacted]

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Comment: //The removal of the 18 officers before the issuance of a scheduled report from the armed forces' own investigating commission probably reflects the high command's concern that it has underestimated the intensity of dissatisfaction in the military. Army Commander Nicolaides, who has publicly linked the shuffle to a wider reorganization to "professionalize" the military, has prepared the way for further changes at key command levels.// [redacted]

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