Guatemala moves against Mexican drug gang Guatemala has given the army special powers to reclaim control of the province of Alta Verapaz, which authorities say has been overtaken by Mexican drug traffickers. Security forces are looking for members of the Zetas cartel, which has been expanding its operations outside Mexico Areas of influence UNITED STATES of Zetas cartel - One of Mexico's most violent gangs, founded by group of ex-soldiers MEXICO who started out as hitmen Guatemala: Major **GULF OF** transit point for **MEXICO** cocaine smuggled Mexico from Colombia to City | Mexico and U.S. **BELIZE HONDURAS: PACIFIC** Zetas **OCFAN** expanding operations Nov 2008: **NICARAGUA** 17 people killed in clash SALVADOR between **GUATEMALA** COSTA RICA Mexican and local PANAMA drug gangs in COLOMBIA. Huehuetenango Alta Verapaz: State of siege allowing troops to Coban detain suspects and conduct searches without warrants. in place for at least 30 days Guatemala Mar 2008, Zacapa: Battle between Guatemalan gang and Zetas for control of smuggling routes leaves 11 people dead **EL SALVADOR** 50km **PACIFIC** 30 miles **OCFAN** Sources: Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA @ GRAPHIC NEWS