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ARGENTINA

TERRORISM AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH.

(C/MOD) Confrontations between security forces and leftists have reached an all-time high, which may presage an overall weakening of the terrorist movement.

(C/MOD) At least seven major clashes have occurred since the first of the month with more than 110 persons reportedly killed; over 85 of these are believed to be terrorists. In separate actions in Tucuman Province last week, two high-ranking People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) leaders were killed. Their deaths will undoubtedly upset the ERP's organization and operations there.

(C/MOD) Although the terrorists may have suffered high casualties in these recent attacks -- primarily directed at government and military facilities -- their determination or ability to carry out subversive acts still exists. On the other hand, now that the armed forces have antiterrorist jurisdiction over all federal and provincial security forces, it is probably only a matter of time until the terrorists are forced to revert to their more covert type of operations. (ODS 31 Dec 75)

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