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11652 DECLASSIFIED ON 31 DECEMBER 2018 DECLASSIFIED BY 100	May At 2230 hrs, the police broadcasted a general alert to all precincts and patrols informing them as May 29 was the celebration of the creation of the Argentine Army they anticipated possible terrorist acts against police and military objects. La Prensa reported that in Haedo, Buenos Aires Province, a confrontation took place between terrorists and security	
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forces. The terrorists were located in a house at El Ceibo Street. Army and provincial police took part in the confrontation which lasted 2-2 1/2 hours. Various reports stated that from 16-20 terrorists were killed. Security forces confiscated biographical data, documents and other materials belonging to the Montoneros.

May 29: At 2335 hrs, the occupants of a Peugeot fired at a Federal Police officer on duty at Government House in the Federal Capital. The officer was not injured and the terrorists escaped.

On the same date the press reported that a group of three terrorists entered a shop located in San Martin, Buenos Aires Province, distributed terrorist pamphlets and ignited firebombs. They escaped unapprehended.

Press sources reported that in Morón, Buenos Aires Prov., security forces killed a terrorist in a confrontation at a checkpoint at Viale and Alverdia Sts. On the same date in Burzaco, Bs. As. Prov., a group of persons believed to be terrorists stole five new Peugeots from a transportation truck at Monte Verde and Cordoba Sts.

On May 30, Federal Police killed a person believed to be a terrorist in a confrontation at Pedro Goyena and J.M. Moreno Sts.

On May 31, local press reported that security terrorist information center in forces had discovered a/xxxxxxx the Avellaneda

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district. The terrorists/had been maintaining the
center
/xxxxxx escaped.

On the same date, joint security forces killed a terrorist during a confrontation in the Moreno district of Bs. As. Prov. Security forces reportedly confiscated several thousand hand grenades. A terrorist refuge located at Santa Fe 1700 in Martinez, suburb of Bs.As., was seized by security forces. During the confrontation two terrorists were killed. The press also reported that five terrorists were killed during this period in various districts of Bs. As. Prov. during individual confrontations with security forces and that literature, weapons, explosives and a printing press for forging documents were found by security forces.

La Razon reported the assassination by terrorists of Ret. Col. Angel Arturo Sureda at the intersection of Emilio Castro and Esmeralda. The Col. was shot approximately 200 meters from his home in Temperley.

On June 1 local press reported that five terrorists (2 women and 3 men) were shot during a confrontation with security forces in Temperley. The terrorists were members of the Montonero organization. During this confrontation two security officials were ~~also~~ also injured.

On June 2, local press reported that five
terrorists (3 men and 2 women) were killed in a confron-

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tation in the town of Luis Guillon in the Prov. of Bs.As.

The clash took place on Pellegrini St. when security forces engaged in a control operation were fired on by the terrorists when they were stopped at a checkpoint. Small arms and automatic weapons, bombs and Montonero literature were reportedly found in the vehicle.

In another incident on the same day, a police car was attacked from a passing vehicle near Pereyra Iraola Park in Bs. As. Prov. There were no injuries and the assailants escaped.

3. RSO COMMENT: During interview with security sources RSO was informed that ERP combative force now is slightly over 100 on a country-wide basis and that a substantial number of the political leaders have departed the country.

Sources also stated there is a serious split in the Montonero movement, ^A favors ^{role} a minority faction/~~favoring~~ moving out of a combative/into a more political role and breaking with the Marxist elements within the party. The other faction feels that military action must be continued in order to keep the party as a political force.

4. Sources stated that a review of the Montonero accomplishments over the past few months provides testimony to their weakness. On May 7, 1977 they made an unsuccessful assassination attempt on Foreign Minister Guzzetti.

[This was the high point of their recent operations.]

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On Apr. 7 they fired indiscriminately at a police patrol.
On Apr. 26 they killed a member of the provincial police
and they have waged four attacks on railroad police, two
of which have been successful. Compared to the losses
and setbacks they have suffered, ~~xxx~~ these are marginal
accomplishments generally directed at very soft targets.
5. Sources stated that there was no question but that the
govt is
~~/theyxxxxxx~~ winning the military combat with the terrorist
~~xxxxxxxx~~but the terrorists still have strong based
political/media support abroad and the battle was not
over yet.

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