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(S, AFB) After a 21-month hiatus, the military have officially entered the war against leftist terrorists. President Maria Peron ordered the army on 9 February to conduct internal-security operations in the northern province of Tucuman, long the stronghold of the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) that has operated there with virtual impunity.

(S, AFB) Although the army has become increasingly involved in a backstage, supportive role in the anti-terrorist campaign, army commander Lt Gen Anaya has until now eschewed a full-scale role for the military despite criticism by junior- and middle-grade officers. With army support, notable successes were scored by the police toward the end of 1974 in Cordoba and the north-eastern provinces. Despite these successes, however, it has become clear that in order to wipe out the guerrillas the army would have to become the primary combat element, especially in the rural strongholds.

(S, AFB) The key to success in Tucuman and elsewhere will be the effective exploitation of intelligence; however, the military's capability in this field is questionable. The army, meanwhile, has little experience in counterguerrilla warfare, and the government will very likely find that merely unleashing the military will not automatically signal an end to the terrorist threat.

(S, AFB) The ERP, already hurt, will probably have its activities disrupted by the new campaign. Nonetheless, it can be expected to react with spectacular acts of terrorism in Buenos Aires, where the police have been less effective than elsewhere.

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