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GUERRILLA ATTACKS CONTINUE.

~~(S/NED)~~ Despite heightened government precautions to stave off expected terrorist activity on 22 August -- the third anniversary of the death of 16 leftists in a naval brig -- guerrillas carried out more attacks in Argentina.

~~(S/NED)~~ The Montoneros claimed credit for setting off an underwater demolition charge on the hull of the frigate SANTISIMA TRINIDAD, then undergoing outfitting in a shipyard south of Buenos Aires. Although it did not sink, the ship sustained major damage to the engine room. Press reports indicated that a second explosive charge, found near the ship, had failed to detonate.

~~(S/NED)~~ This attack, carried out during the day in the face of tightened security arrangements, demonstrates the vulnerability of Argentine military installations to attack by terrorist groups. The ship incident, coupled with guerrilla incidents in three other cities, is part of a growing wave of violence. Should the current tenuous calm in the political/economic arenas begin to deteriorate and these guerrilla attacks continue, the Argentine military will probably reevaluate its position and move to take a more active part in the governing of the country. ~~(S/NED)~~

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