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**COLOMBIA: Cultivation Outstrips Poppy Eradication**

Colombia's aerial eradication program, under which some 4,000 hectares have been sprayed since February, is not keeping up with rapidly expanding opium poppy cultivation.

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Colombian antipoppy efforts are constrained by limited numbers of aircraft and helicopters in any one department and by the competing demands of cocaine interdiction and counterinsurgency operations.

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