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**Preface****What This Digest Is**

This reference aid contains a compilation of basic information available at the Secret level on foreign subnational groups and their leading members that are known, suspected, or reported to have engaged in terrorism or other forms of political violence.

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**What We Mean by Terrorism**

There is no standard or internationally accepted definition of terrorism. Nevertheless, most Western government officials and academic experts distinguish in one way or another between political violence as a general category of activity and terrorism as a particular—and particularly objectionable—subset of that category. In many countries, political dissidents themselves understand that terrorist activity differs from other forms of violent political confrontation and recognize that the adoption of terrorist tactics is a profound, possibly irrevocable, step. In using the term terrorism in this reference aid, we have tried to stay close to the following small cluster of characteristics, most of which are found in most of the many competing definitions devised by Western analysts:

*Terrorism is politically motivated, premeditated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine state agents. International terrorist acts involve citizens or territory of more than one country.*

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	<b>Preface</b>
1	<b>Directory of Organizations</b>  Terrorist groups, insurgent groups, and other organizations implicated in or suspected of involvement in political violence are listed here alphabetically according to the native-language name, English-language name, nickname, or abbreviation by which we believe they are best known in this country. In a few cases, it has been convenient to list a number of similar groups together—as Alternative names and abbreviations are included as cross references.
89	<b>Directory of Personalities</b>  Leading members of the groups found in the Directory of Organizations, along with a few terrorists who became famous as individuals during the past 15 years, are listed here alphabetically by their true names, if known. Aliases, noms de guerre, operational names, and nicknames are included as cross references.
157	<b>Country/Nationality Index</b>  The organizational and biographical entries found in the two directories are listed here alphabetically by country, region, or nationality as appropriate. Because there are no cross references to alternative names and abbreviations in the index, it should not be used as the sole means of ascertaining whether particular groups or individuals are listed in the directories.
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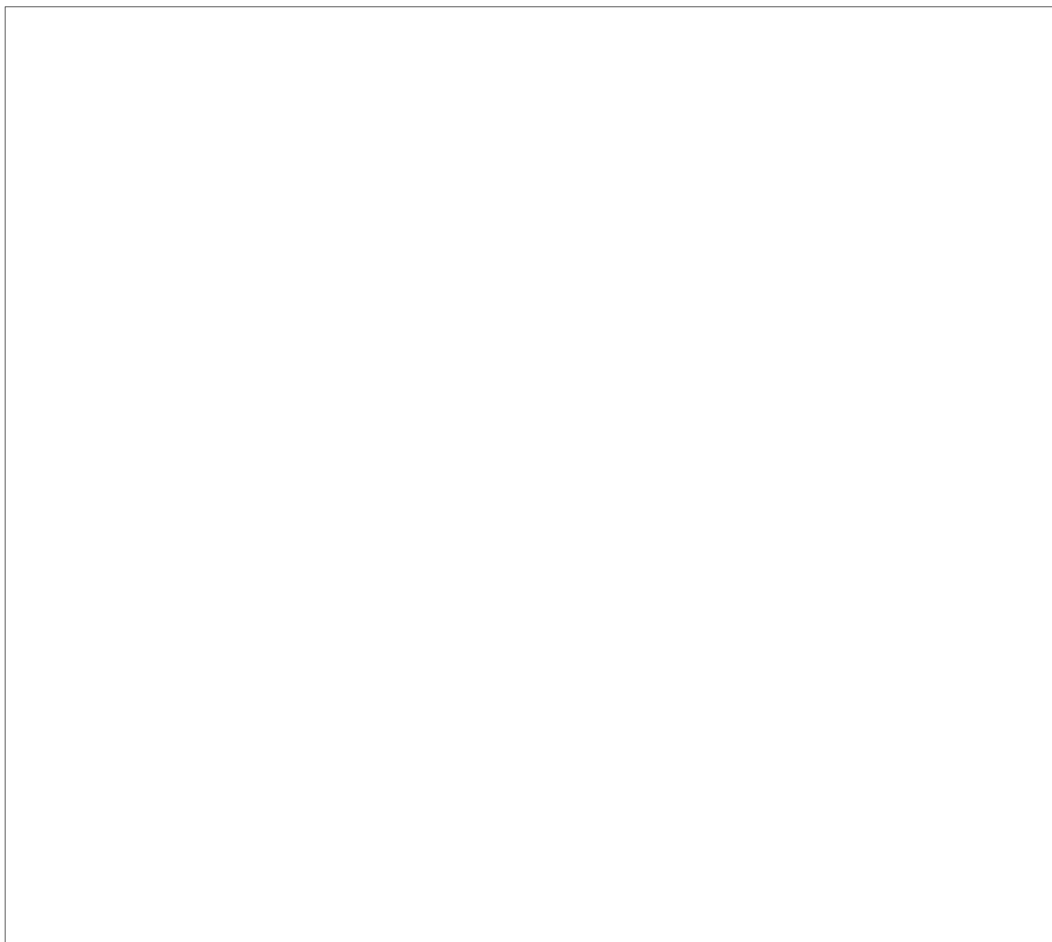
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Argentine Anti-  
Communist Alliance  
(AAA)  
*Argentina*

Rightwing death squad composed of retired military and police officers ...  
founded 1973 by Social Welfare Minister Jose Lopez Rega to combat growing  
leftist terrorism ... operations officially illegal although sponsored or at least  
countenanced by former military government ... activities during "dirty war"  
against subversion currently under investigation by Argentine courts. 

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**Montoneros**  
*Argentina*

(Movimiento Peronista Montonero)  
(Peronist Montonero Party)

Peronist leftwing terrorist organization decimated by security forces in late 1970s  
... currently abandoning violent tactics and attempting legitimate political  
comeback ... leader Mario Firmenich was recently arrested in Brazil on charges  
stemming from terrorism period.

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**People's Revolutionary  
Army/Revolutionary  
Workers Party  
(ERP/PRT)**  
*Argentina*

Urban-based, pro-Cuba, anti-US military arm of the outlawed Trotskyist party ...  
formed 1970 ... sought unification of Latin American Marxist-Leninist terrorist  
organizations ... attacked primarily Argentine military and police targets ...  
virtually destroyed by security services in 1976 ... since then has focused on  
political activism rather than armed struggle.

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**Two April Command**  
*Argentina*

(2 April Command) (Captain Giacchino Direct Action Commando)

Small rightwing group of Argentine naval officers ... active in several causes since late 1970s under various names ... adopted current name to protest UK invasion of the Falklands on 2 April 1982 ... claimed responsibility for letter bombs sent in March 1983 to US Naval Headquarters in London and Prime Minister Thatcher ... alleged to have threatened life of Vice President Bush prior to his visit to Argentina to attend the inauguration of President Alfonsin in December 1983.

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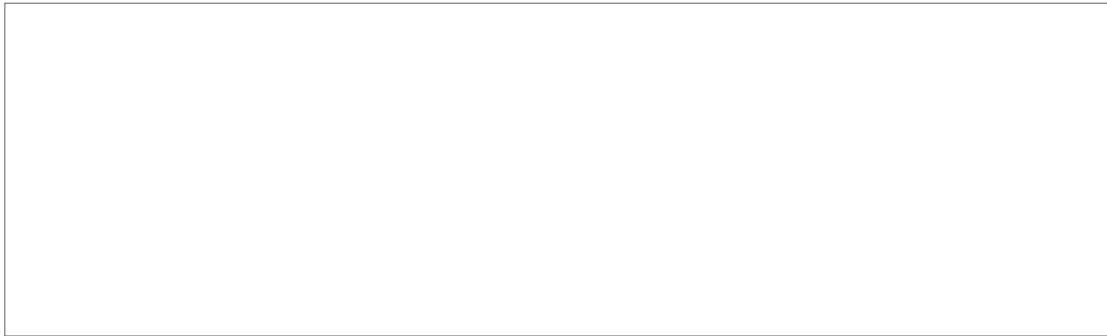
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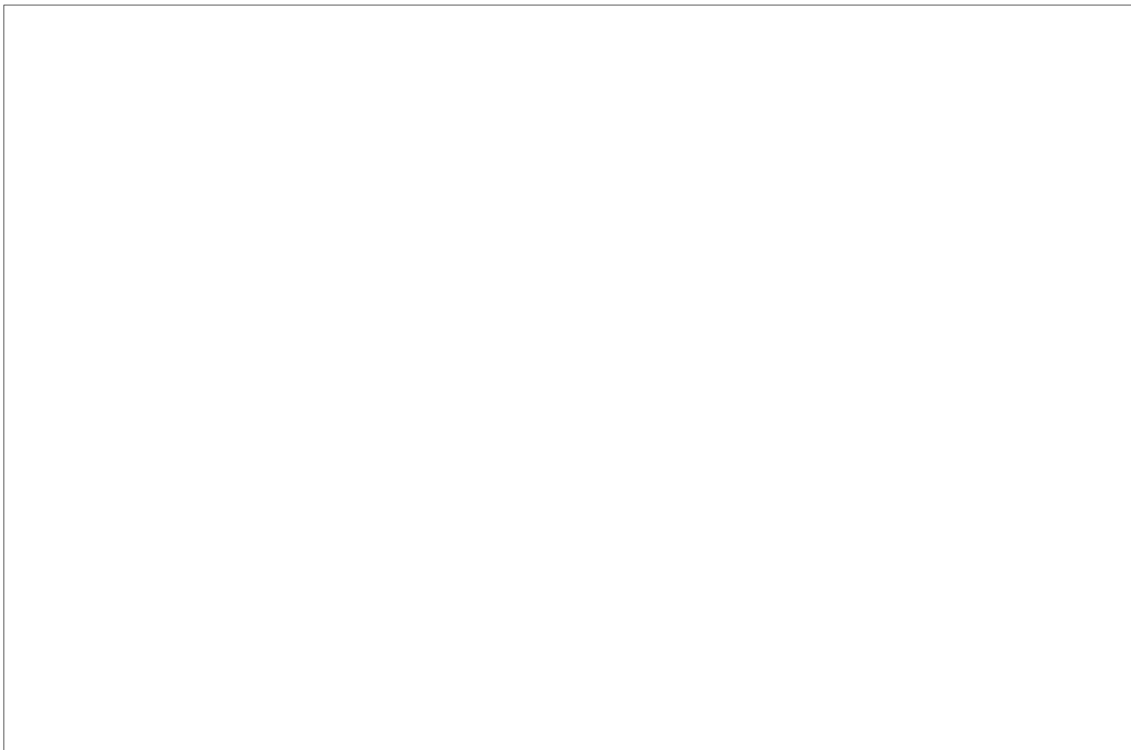
**Oscar Raul Bidegain**  
*Argentina*

*Born 17 February 1906, Yerua*

Leftwing Peronist who returned to Argentina in December 1983 after nine-year exile ... announced dissolution of Peronist Montonero Movement and revival of Authentic Party, formed in 1975 by leftist members expelled from Peronist Party but banned by military in 1976 ... Governor of Buenos Aires Province for nine months until impeached in 1974 ... medical doctor. 

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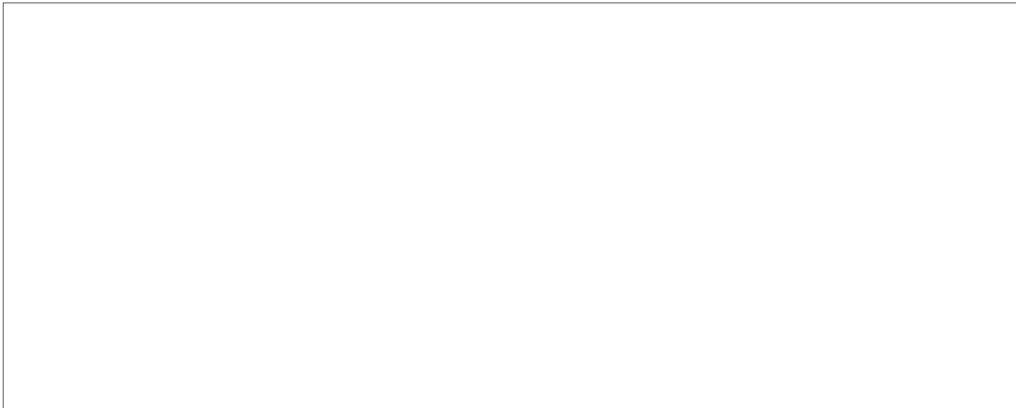
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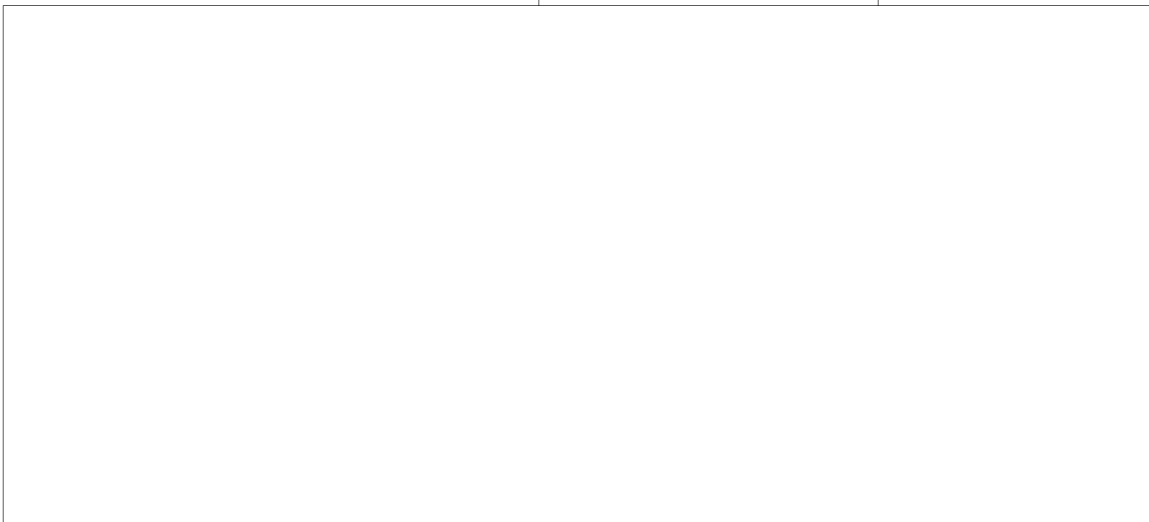
**Mario Eduardo  
Firmenich  
Argentina**

(Manuel, Pepe, The German)

*Born 24 January 1946, Buenos Aires*

Founder and secretary general of the Peronist Montonero Movement ... arrested 13 February 1984 in Brazil; Argentina initiating extradition proceedings ... had been living in Cuba ... signed December 1983 statement announcing dissolution of Montoneros and revival of Authentic Party ... has provided logistic support for Nicaraguan Sandinistas ... alleged to be or have been involved in smuggling Cuban arms to El Salvador.

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**Roberto Cirilio Perdia**  
*Argentina*

(Carlitos, El Pelado)

*Born 9 July 1941, Pergamino*

Executive secretary and military leader of Peronist Montonero Movement . . . as of  
November 1983 in Brazil; made occasional trips to Argentina . . . member  
Christian Democratic Party during mid-1960s.

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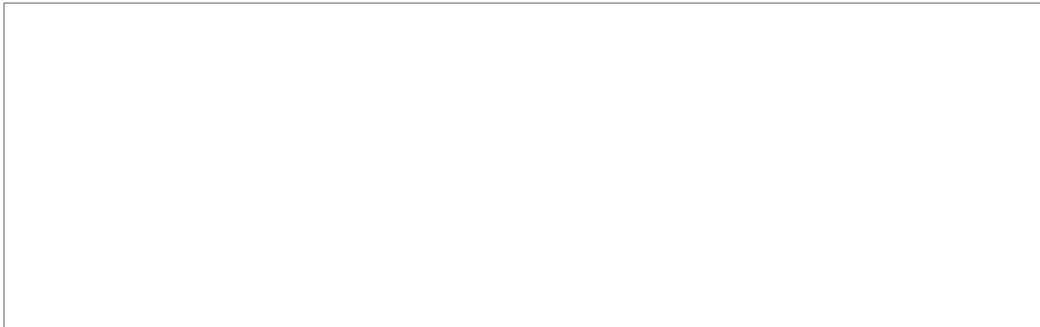
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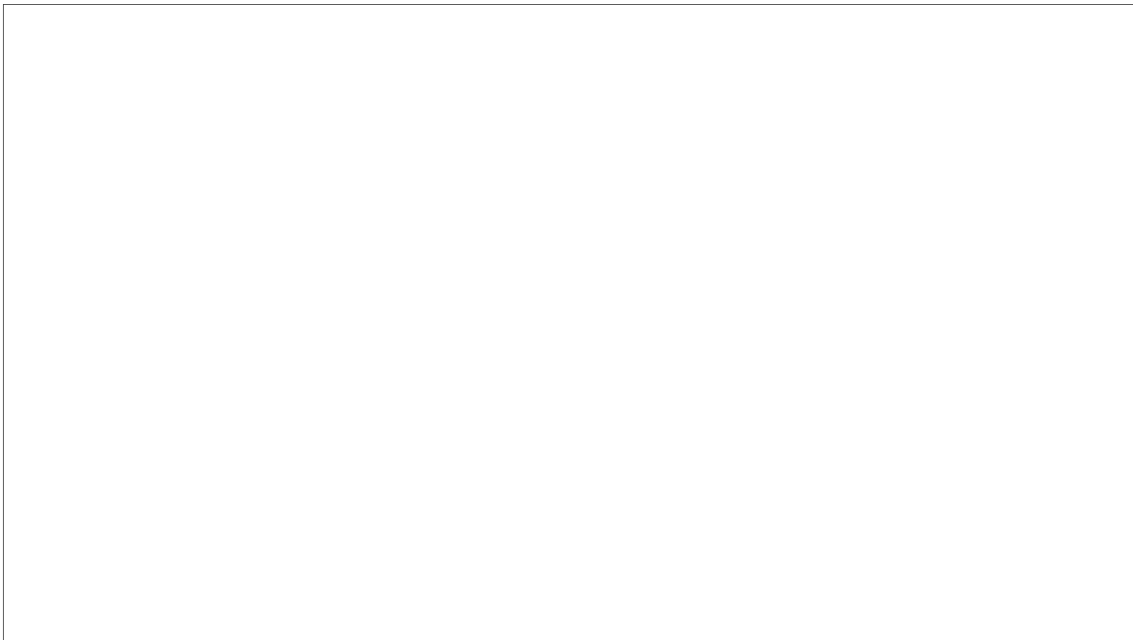
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**Fernando Vaca Narvajas** (Facundo, Nicolas, Vasco)  
*Argentina*

*Born 7 January 1948, Cordoba*

Marxist head of the International Relations Secretariat and second in command of the Peronist Montonero Movement ... signed December 1983 statement, announcing dissolution of Montoneros and revival of Authentic Party ... as member of Trotskyist People's Revolutionary Party, escaped from jail in 1972 and hijacked plane to Chile.  3.5(c)



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Country	Organization	Members
Argentina	Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance (AAA)	
	April 2 Command	
	Montoneros	Oscar Raul Bidegain Mario Firmenich Roberto Cirilio Perdia Fernando Vaca Narvajas
	People's Revolutionary Army/Revolutionary Workers Party (ERP/PRT)	

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