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Peru
Attacks against international targets in Peru dropped from 59 in 1986 to 39 in 1987, despite the fact that attacks against domestic targets rose from 479 in 1986 to 484 in 1987. Twenty-three of the international incidents were directed against US businesses and diplomatic personnel. Improved security precautions taken by foreigners living and working in the country probably contributed to the decline. (U)

Sendero Luminoso (SL), a radical, leftist terrorist and insurgent group, continued to grow in strength, expand into new areas of Peru's interior, and increase its urban terrorist activity during 1987. In addition to bombings and arson attacks, in 1987 for the first time the group is known to have carried out premeditated assassination attempts against foreign businessmen and diplomatic officials.

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The group attempted to assassinate the manager of the Bank of Tokyo in Lima early in the year, wounding the banker and his driver. SL also bombed the Bank of London office, critically injuring four persons. In August, SL shot the chauffeur of the Ambassador of South Korea in Lima.

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