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MEXICO: Increases in Military Antinarcotics Units

The Mexican Army recently expanded its role in antinarcotics operations. This new effort will be mounted in southern poppy-growing areas and will supplement Operation Condor, the military's manual eradication program in the north. the Army also will take advantage of the eradication campaign to uncover any arms trafficking and guerrilla activities.

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Army eradication forces may devote as much effort to internal security as eradication. They do not have their own airlift support capabilities, however, and they may seek helicopters and other equipment from the Attorney General's limited eradication resources.

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