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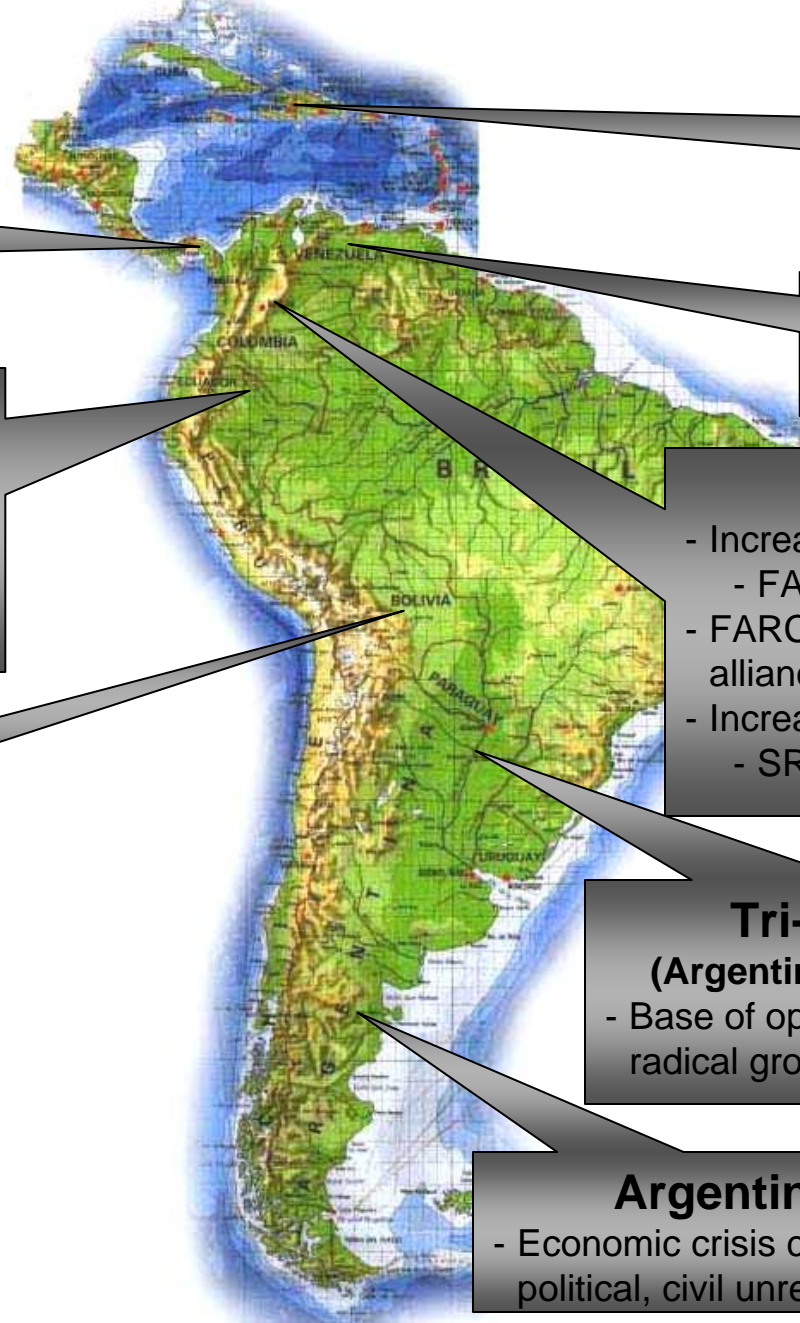
SOC SOUTH

Special Operations Command South

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Commanding



POINTS OF INTEREST



Panama
- Canal security
- Border security

Haiti
- Political, civil unrest

Venezuela
- Political, civil unrest

Ecuador and Peru
- Civil unrest / national strikes
- Narco-trafficking
- Kidnappings
- Alien smuggling
- Shining Path resurgence

Colombia
- Increased urban terrorism
- FARC, ELN, AUC
- FARC expanding international alliances & AOR presence
- Increased threat to US personnel
- SRS hostages

Bolivia
- Political, civil unrest

**Tri-border Area
(Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay)**
- Base of operations for Islamic radical groups

Argentina
- Economic crisis causing political, civil unrest

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AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

Challenges

- Most inequitable income distribution of any region in world
 - Wealthiest 10% receive 40-50% of national income
- Poverty reflected in increasing crime rates (*30/100,000 murder rate vs. US rate of 6.3; Brazil – 50; Guatemala – 100*)
 - Only 10% of crimes prosecuted
- Disaffected indigenous groups
- Corruption rampant
- COL, BOL, PER supply majority of world's cocaine
- 40+ year insurgency in COL has killed over 40,000 in last decade (*over 6,000 in past 3 years*)
- Alien smuggling networks as conduit to US
- Region vulnerable to wide variety of natural disasters

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TECHNOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENTS

- Foliage Penetrating Imaging System
- Partner Nation operations kits (NVG's, Comms, Selected Weapons)
- Surrogate/Partner Nation "Blue Force" tracking system
- Inexpensive FW/RW support
- Forensic Exploitation Systems

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