

Excerpt: Declassified Tactical Intelligence Report: Guerrilla Activity in Peru²⁰

Summary

On 14 Jan, SL Guerrillas ambushed a column of armored vehicles from the Sinchi's 48th Commandancia. They conducted the attack from trenches on both sides of a road near the village of Satipo. Major Mendoza, the Sinchi Convoy commander, died in the ambush after failing to close the hatch of his Caspir armored vehicle. SL guerrillas used Molotov cocktails, improvised hand grenades, small arms fire, and a mine in the road during the ambush. After approximately one hour in the kill zone, the Sinchi vehicles moved slowly to a point 400 meters up the road. The personnel dismounted the vehicles, established a