

Strategy, tactics, and operations: Since it began operations in 1983, the organization has hit US targets over 100 times. . . . MRTA attacks since last November appear to depart from the practice of trying to minimize casualties and collateral damage . . . recent MRTA attacks, including car bombings, have taken place during the day when passersby were within range. . . . Since beginning of the year (in the last two months) it carried out at least 25 attacks against US interests, including an RPG-7 and automatic weapons fired at the US Embassy. . . . In an afternoon bombing in January against the office of the Interior Ministry two people were killed, as many as 100 others injured. . . .

Outlook: The MRTA poses one of the most serious terrorist threats to US interests in Latin America today—a threat that may extend beyond the borders of Peru as a result of the group's ties with other Latin American terrorist groups.