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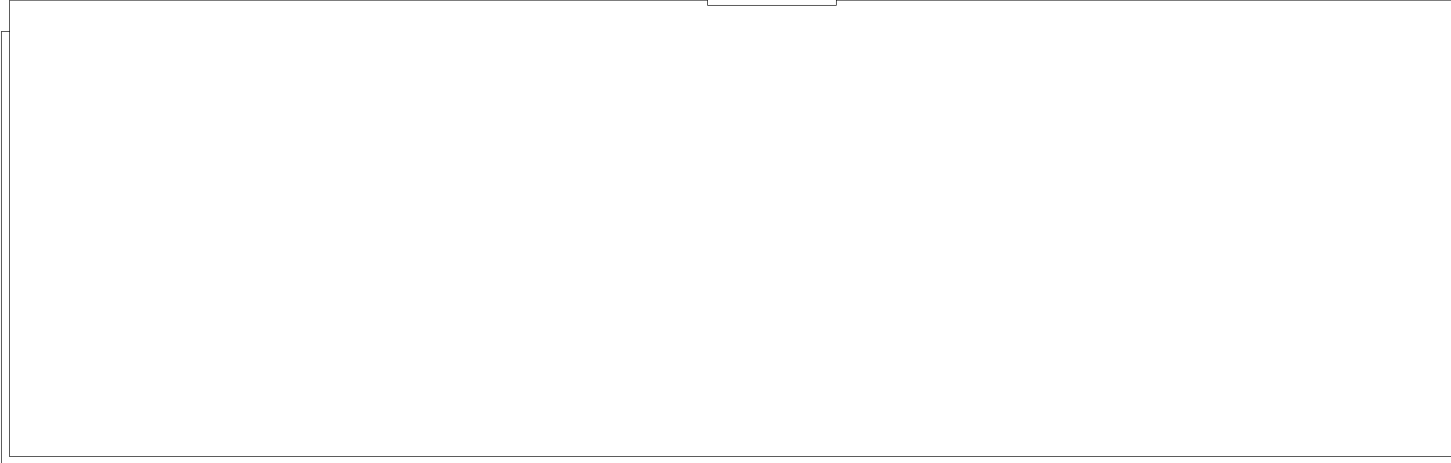
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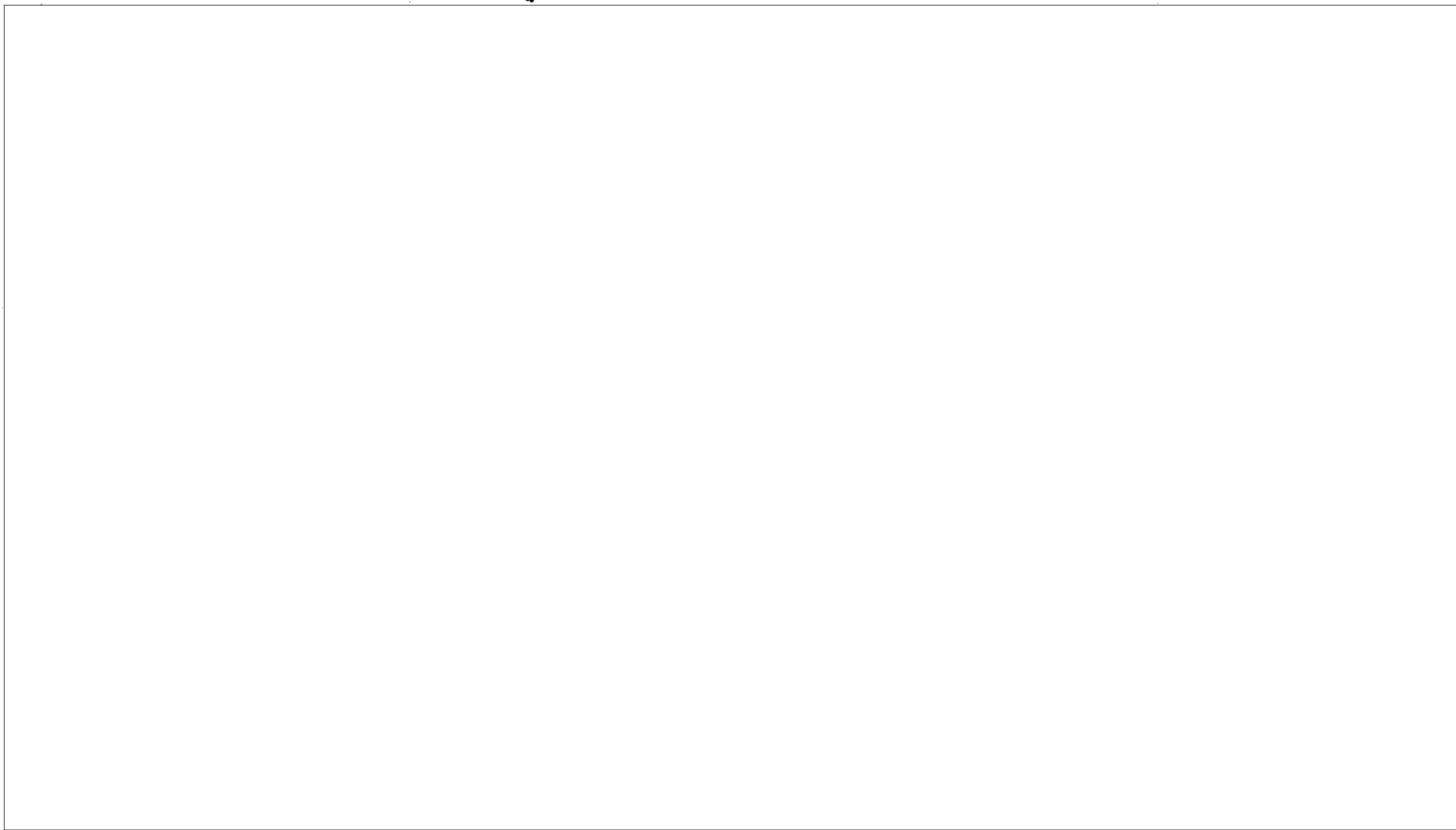


Argentina

President Bignone's hold on power remains tenuous, but he still is believed to have at least an even chance of staying in power. Recent changes in the military junta have strengthened Bignone's position somewhat, but will bring growing pressure on Army Commander Nicolaidis to purge his command of those involved in the Falklands conflict.

Over the next few months, demands for an investigation of past government actions with regard to "disappeared" people--a particularly sensitive issue in the military--and for more expansive economic policies will mount. If the government mishandles these issues, strikes and general social unrest could increase significantly.

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