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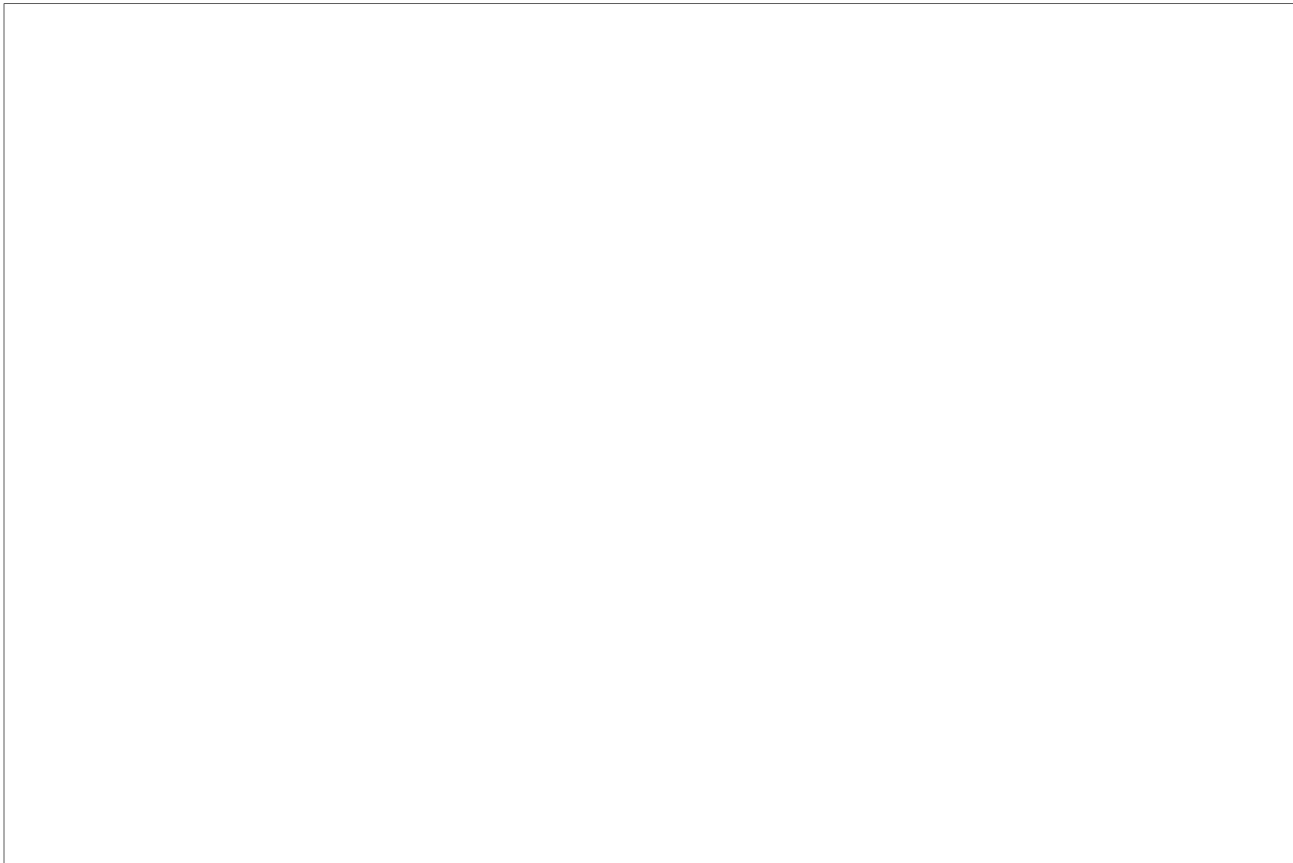
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Use of Soviet Weapons by Argentine Terrorists

[redacted] the explosive projectiles used by unknown terrorist elements in attacks during the week of 17 to 24 June were Soviet-designed "RPG-7" antitank armor-piercing grenades fired from either an "RPG-7" or an "RPG-7V" rocket launcher. Authorities believe there were five attacks in which this weapon was used, including three attacks in June against government installations. In each instance, the terrorists fired a missile from the sunroof of a Peugeot parked about 200 to 300 meters from the target.

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The first attack was against the headquarters of the military factories. The grenade exploded against a pole in front of the factories and caused little damage. In the second attack, directed against the Government House (Casa Rosada), the rocket-powered grenade failed to detonate on impact [redacted]

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[redacted] The third attack reportedly took place at the Argentine Naval Mechanics School.

Not only is this the first known instance of the use of this weapon by terrorist groups in Argentina, it is also the first reported use of any Soviet-manufactured weapons by Argentine terrorists, aside from a few AK-47 rifles occasionally recovered by the authorities.

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[redacted] believe the Montoneros were responsible for the attacks. They feel that the weapons may have been obtained from elements of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as a result of discussions in 1977 between Mario Firmenich, a Montonero leader, and PLO leader Yassir Arafat. [redacted]

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