Govt of Colombia (GOC) Collects More Taxes



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 During Jan-May 2004, the GOC collected 17.9% more in taxes than for same period in 2003. The graphic compares taxes sent to the Treasury by May 31 in 2003 and 2004, broken down as follows: internal, financial transactions (GMF), external, democratic security, and patrimony Law 663. <sup>1</sup> Source: <sup>1</sup> Bogotá La Republica, 9 June 2004; Substantiated by USEMB-Bogotá, POL-ECON Section, 30 June 04.

(	Overall Crime Reduction Results					
		Jan-May 03 <sup>1</sup>	Jan-May 041	<u>% CHG</u>		
Homicides		10,178	8,845	-13%		
Massacre Ev	ents	42	26	-38%		
Massacre Victims		250	118	-53%		
Kidnappings		1,064	601	-44%		
Extortive Kidnappings		762	352	-54%		
Illegal Road Blocks		41	17	-59%		
Road Block Kidnappings		152	53	-65%		
Highway Robberies		611	402	-34%		
Bank Robberies		82	33	-60%		
Motorcycle Thefts		4,337	3,694	-15%		
Vehicle Thefts		6,237	4,566	-27%		

• During the past 2 years kidnappings of union members have been reduced by 85%, from 40 in 2001 to 4 in 2003. Forced disappearances of union members are down 87.5%, going from 8 in 2001 to one in 2003. In the first4 months of 2004, murders of union members have decreased by 25%.<sup>2</sup>

Source: <sup>1</sup> COL Min Nat Def, "Public Forces Results-Violence, Criminality & Terrorism", 8 June 2004, http://alpha.mindefensa.gov.co/descargas/Resultados\_ Operacionales/resultados\_enero\_mayo\_200405.pdf; <sup>2</sup> COL Govt news agency *SNE*, 11 June 04.

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## **Counter Narcotics Results**

Seizures	Jan-May03 <sup>1</sup>	Jan-May04 <sup>1</sup>	<u>% CHG</u>
Cocaine (MT)	33.0	49.6	+50%
Coca Base (Kg)	8,883	12,366	+39%
Heroin (Kg)	163	366	+125%
Marijuana (Kg)	53,802	79,590	+48%
Traffickers	17,567	25,362	+44%
Drug Labs	496	899	+81%
Weapons	178	220	+24%
Ammo (rnds)	2,765	16,840	+509%
Poppy Sprayed (ha)	1,658	1,814	+9%

• Police seized properties belonging to drug trafficker Juan Gabriel Usuga, who was extradited to the United States. The properties are worth 40B pesos (US\$14.8M). Usuga was arrested in 1999 during Operation Millennium.<sup>2</sup> Assets (17 businesses, 6 retail outlets on San Andres Island, 11 bank accounts in Bogotá, six bank accounts in Cali, and 77 real estate properties) that belonged to dead drug trafficker 'Don Efra' will be handed over to the state.<sup>3</sup> Source: <sup>1</sup> COL Min Nat Def, "Public Forces Results-Violence, Criminality & Terrorism", 8 June 2004, http://alpha.mindefensa.gov.co/descargas/Resultados\_Operacionales/resultados\_enero\_mayo\_200405.pdf <sup>2</sup> Bogotá *Caracol Television*, 29 May 04; <sup>3</sup> Cali *El Pais*, 9 June 04.

<u>Terrorists</u>	Jan-May 031	Jan-May 04 <sup>1</sup>	<u>% CHG</u>
KIA	843	1130	+34%
Demob/Deserters	645	1047	+62%
Firearms Seized	2395	3450	+44%
Grenades Seized	2002	2469	+23%
Boats Seized	26	33	+27%
Councilmen Killed		9	-79%
Electric Pylons	130	50	-62%
Commo Towers	15	0	-100%
Towns	3	1	-67%
Roads	73	42	-43%
Oil Pipelines <sup>2</sup>	51	23	-55%
Water Pipelines	3	0	-100%
Bridges	16	3	<b>-81%</b>
All Attacks	575	359	-38%

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## **Economic & Other Results**

• The National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) reported imports were up by 8% from a year ago at the end of the first quarter of 2004. Imports "shot up" by 19% in March alone on account of two-way telephones and off-road vehicle purchases. The higher import figures caused a trade deficit of \$82.8 million. <sup>1</sup>

• The National Tax and Customs Directorate (DIAN) collected a total of 624.181B pesos (US\$231M) in back taxes between January and April, 205.222B more pesos than a year ago. Nearly 180B pesos result from a provision in the 2003 tax reform by which payments by delinquent taxpayers up to 30 April were first applied to taxes rather than to interest and penalties.<sup>2</sup>

 Administrative Department of Security (DAS) Director Noguera reported 260 officials have been removed from DAS since 7 August 2002 as part of a purge of the institution. He reiterated his policy is to reward those who do their jobs well by promoting them to administrative positions. Noguera noted that 20 out of the 27 regional directors are detectives who have been in the DAS all of their lives as proof of this policy.<sup>3</sup>

• Improved road security has led to improved transportation of cargo from the ports to the production centers, according to the Colombian Federation of Ground Cargo Carriers (Colfecar). Over the last four months. Colfecar figures show tonnage transported went up by 6.76% from last year, increasing revenues by 10.57%. However, costs rose at the same time. As to theft, Colfecar reported 336 instances in the first quarter, down from the 469 cases of a year ago.<sup>4</sup>

• The Colombian Federation of Software and IT Industry (Fedesoft) reports tremendous growth over the past six months. Fedesoft expects 2004 software exports close to \$600M, a record figure contrasting with the \$25M sold in 2003. Exports are expected to grow by 25% yearly until reaching \$2.4B by 2007. This growth should generate some 3,000 new jobs this year alone. <sup>5</sup>

 DIAN reported seizures of contraband merchandise are up 28.2% so far in 2004, compared with the same period last year. DIAN authorities have carried out 56% more operations, for a total of over 9,000 inspections so far. The five sectors where the most contraband merchandise is found are vehicle parts, household electrical appliances, aircrafts, textiles, and mechanical devices. <sup>6</sup>

 Association of Colombian Cattlemen (Fedegan) reports that cattle ranching is doomed to disappear unless the democratic security policy brings security to rural areas. In 2003, kidnappings of cattlemen were reduced 59%, going from 568 cases to 232. Murders were also down, from 27 to 13.7

 Over the past six months, 254 policemen have been removed in connection with cases of corruption. Thirtyeight of these policemen are currently in custody awaiting trial.<sup>8</sup>

 Just under 1.2M jobs have been created since Uribe took office. Overall, he hopes to create over 3M jobs during his 4-year term. Some 336,812 jobs were created in the 1st quarter of 2004--a good start toward reaching the overall target of 839,000 jobs for the year.<sup>9</sup>

Source: <sup>1, 2</sup> Bogotá Portafolio, 1 June 04; <sup>3</sup> Bogotá El Tiempo, 29 May 04 Bogotá; <sup>4</sup> Bogotá La Republica, 2 June 04; <sup>5</sup> Bogotá La Republica, 3 June 04; <sup>6</sup> COL Govt news agency SNE, 22 June 04; <sup>7</sup> Bogotá Semana, 21-27 June 04; <sup>8</sup> COL Govt news agency SNE, 3 June 04; <sup>9</sup> Medellin El Colombiano, 23 June 04.

## Counter Terrorism Results