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Colombia declares war on pot smuggling

United Press International
BOGOTA, Colombia — American pilots swooping in for clandestine pickups of some of the world's best marijuana may be in for a surprise when they run into Colombian Air Force war jets playing for keeps.

President Julio Cesar Turbay, in his first major move to end Colombia's thriving drug trade, has banned all unauthorized low flying over remote La Guajira peninsula, home of "Santa Marta Gold" marijuana.

Some authoritative estimates put Colombia's trade in marijuana and cocaine — brought in from Peru and Bolivia for transshipment to America — at \$1 billion, almost as much as the \$1.5 billion it earns from its famed coffee beans.

The flying ban goes into effect Nov. 1, when Interior Minister German Zea says any unauthorized plane flying under 7,000 feet in the forbidden area "runs the risk of being captured or shot down".

But even before the deadline, an air force jet opened fire on a suspected smuggler's aircraft Oct. 24 around the La Guajira area, but failed to shoot it down, newspapers said.

U.S. Ambassador Diego Asencio called in reporters this month to underline his concern about the danger to American pilots who defy the ban, either through ignorance or contempt for Colombian authorities.

"There are going to be people in the United States who haven't heard about this restriction or are going to try to test it," Asencio said. "I have every reason to believe the Colombian authorities are very serious about this. These guys are loaded for bear," the ambassador said.

La Guajira, which juts into the Caribbean, is mainly flat, dry, sandy land but also includes the Santa Marta mountains, where 170,000 acres of some of the world's best marijuana is reported ripening on the slopes.

The remote peninsula, long cut off from normal ties to the rest of Colombia, has flourished as a paradise for smugglers who easily clear clandestine landing strips out of brush and use its scores of tiny, well hidden anchorages.

Colombian government attempts to police the area have run into the traditionally tight society of a small, isolated population, combined with the muscle, cash and high-flying methods of American drug smugglers.

The crackdown also set off howls of protests from area residents, who complained the government was trying to take away their livelihood because the region lacks economic resources other than marijuana.

In a public meeting in La Guajira, speaker after speaker called in effect for the government to hold off on drug enforcement unless it compensates the area with emergency development programs.

Before Turbay's election in June, some U.S. officials had noted a certain ambiguity on the part of Colombian authorities; they didn't like the drug trade but considered it basically an American problem.

But now the Colombian establishment is reported to feel threatened by the new group of rich drug entrepreneurs and the vast pool of "black money" available to subvert the country's legal and political structures.

When Turbay took office Aug. 7, he pledged an all-out fight against the smugglers.

Washington is helping bolster Colombian enforcement with helicopters, communications equipment and training that has run between \$1 million and \$2 million annually during the past three years and probably will increase.

If the crackdown in La Guajira is successful, authorities expect smugglers will try other areas — possibly the sparsely populated eastern plains where 50,000 acres of marijuana already have been spotted in aerial survey.

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United Press International
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