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Effective action by the military to suppress guerrilla-led riots in three Lima prisons earlier this week will probably lead to tougher

counter-insurgency measures. But could also prompt terrorists to seek revenge. The riots, which largely involved convicted and suspected guerrillas, were probably orchestrated by the Sendero Luminoso, which had threatened to embarrass the government during the Socialist International Congress which began yesterday. Even before the riots, [redacted]

[redacted] the security services were planning to assault the largest of the three prisons, where incarcerated guerrillas had cached weapons, dug fortified trenches, and otherwise seized virtual control. [redacted]

Comment:

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Military leaders have been frustrated by President Garcia's failure to take a forceful stand against insurgency and were probably eager to get back at Sendero Luminoso for the assassination of an Admiral last month and other killings of military and police officials. [redacted]

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Sources:

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