Responsibility Meter Report

U.S.-Ecuador operation targets organized crime groups

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Event harm: 63.2 · Confidence: 70.3

Summary

The United States and Ecuador launched a joint military operation directed at organized crime groups, expanding security cooperation in a domestic conflict setting. The operation raised classic questions about foreign military assistance, shared responsibility, and cross-border control of force.

Top actors

1. Ecuadorian security leadership | culpability 42.5 | confidence 76.0
2. U.S. military support planners | culpability 37.7 | confidence 72.0
3. U.S. public funding base | culpability 9.3 | confidence 63.0

Formulas

eventHarm = (20*severity + 12*scale + 15*irreversibility + 12*targetVulnerability + 15*rightsInvasion + 16*intentionality + 10*duration) / 5

actorResponsibility = (15*authorship + 18*decisionPower + 10*interpretivePower + 12*executionControl + 10*knowledge + 8*foreseeability + 8*discretion + 6*benefit + 8*concealment + 5*repeatSystemRole) / 5

confidence = (25*sourceQuality + 20*evidenceCompleteness + 20*roleCertainty + 20*attributionCertainty + 15*recencyStability) / 5

culpability = actorResponsibility * eventHarm / 100

Sources

• The Washington Post: Washington Post report on the joint U.S.-Ecuador operation against organized crime