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An Ecuadorian Air Force plane sits on a runway among several smaller propeller-driven airplanes.

The Ecuadorian Air Force saw action in the early 1980s and mid 1990s in border disputes with Peru. Most recently, however, the Air Force has been most used in patrolling the western border of Ecuador to stop drug running. The great uncharted expanse of the Amazon rainforest makes it an ideal place for illegal drug smuggling. The armed forces of Peru, Brazil, and Ecuador, with assistance from the US Air Force, toil tirelessly to intercept smugglers.



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