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Several Andean Indian women wearing traditional garb gather together. The women are wearing colorful capes and Andean bowler hats. Even though Ecuador is now exploiting its large oil reserves, the country remains an agricultural and pastoral nation. Cajabamba is a historically-important town near Riobamba that is centrally located in Ecuador between the plantations of the coast and the natural abundance of the rainforest. Therefore, market day in Cajabamba is an important day for the surrounding region



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