

U.S. bases threaten Colombia-Venezuela ties

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has warned Bogota not to allow the U.S. access to military bases on its soil. The move follows allegations by Colombia that Swedish anti-tank weapons sold to Caracas have ended up in the hands of FARC guerrillas



Colombian President **Alvaro Uribe** (left) is pressuring Chavez to crack down on FARC operations across border

MILITARY BASES

Deal allows up to 800 U.S. military personnel and 600 civilian defence contractors to be deployed at three Colombian air bases to gather intelligence and support operations against drugs and terrorism

★ **Air bases to be used by U.S.**

★ **Other military bases where access is under negotiation**

Manta base: Ecuadorean President **Rafael Correa**, a close Chavez ally, says he will not renew 10-year lease on only U.S. army base in South America when it expires next year

Palanquero

Bahia Malaga

Fuerte Toleimada

Malambo

Caracas

VENEZUELA

Bogota

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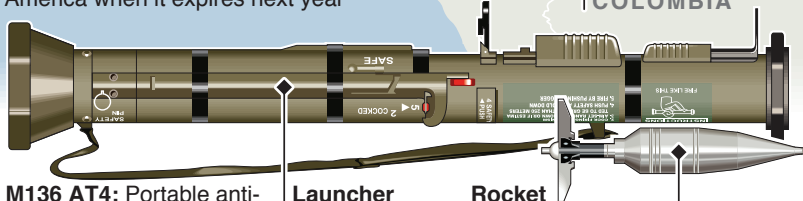
Larandia

Quito

ECUADOR

COLOMBIA

400km
250 miles



M136 AT4: Portable anti-armour weapon built in Sweden by **Saab Bofors Dynamic** and sold to Venezuela in 1980s

Launcher
Length: **1 metre**
Weight: **6.7kg**

Rocket
Calibre: **84mm**
Effective Range: **300m**
Penetration: **400mm of armour**