

# Venezuela troop build-up raises tension

President Hugo Chavez is sending 15,000 troops to the Colombian border, accusing Bogota of attempting to destabilize Venezuela following a series of shootings with Colombian paramilitary fighters. A pact to host U.S. military personnel in Colombia had already exacerbated tensions

■ Troop build-up

★ Military bases

✈ Commercial airports

■ FARC rebel activity

**Tachira state** Nov 5: One Colombian paramilitary killed, five detained

Nov 2: Two Venezuelan National Guard killed

Oct: Bullet-ridden bodies of 11 alleged paramilitaries found

