



# Operation Southern Spear

## Redefining Maritime Counterterrorism



# Beyond Conventional Interdiction

- Traditional models addressed **individual vessels**, not organizations;
- **75% of narco-sub**s previously reached their destination undetected;
- Transitioning to a **military-grade response** for a national security threat.





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# Operation Southern Spear: A Declaration of Intent

Largest Caribbean military presence since the Cuban Missile Crisis  
Deployment of Carrier Strike Groups and B-52s  
Joint Task Force Southern Spear: Detect, Disrupt, Dismantle

# The Threat: Narco-Terrorism

- Militarized Terror Networks
- Fentanyl as a Weapon of Mass Destruction
- State-Protected Logistics



# Kinetic Results

- Over 50 successful strikes in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific
- Approximately 180 narco-terrorists eliminated
- Zero U.S. service member casualties



# Regional Coalition

## A Hemispheric Response

Historic cooperation with the  
Dominican Republic and  
Republic and Trinidad & Tobago

Support from El Salvador, Guyana,  
Panama, and the UK

A shared regional understanding of  
the narco-terrorist threat



# Financial Isolation

## Dismantling the Architecture

- Freezing assets of Tren de Aragua's money laundering infrastructure
- Naval quarantine of sanctioned crude tankers
- Removal of state protection through Operation Absolute Resolve






# Cartel Adaptation

## The Red Queen Dynamic

- Shift to unmanned, remotely guided systems to avoid crew exposure
- Integration of Starlink and AI-powered autonomous navigation
- Adaptation as a measure of Southern Spear's effectiveness



# THE TECHNOLOGICAL FRONTIER: COUNTERING INNOVATION

-  Deployment of Pentagon unmanned assets for persistent coverage
-  Leveraging NSA and Intelligence Community structural advantages
-  Outpacing criminal networks through superior technology



# Addressing the Critics

## A Multi-Vector Strategy

- Maritime routes fund the entire narco-terrorist ecosystem
- Degrading one node is essential to dismantling the whole network
- Applying the Law of Armed Conflict to designated terrorist threats





# The Future of Maritime Security:

## A New Strategic Posture

- Sustained operational tempo and consistent effectiveness;
- A permanent shift in how the U.S. engages transnational threats;
- Protecting American lives through decisive military action.

