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“In an era when violence in Latin America remains widespread, we still lack a sufficient understanding of military crime fighting in the region. Anais M. Passos’s well written and richly detailed study helps fill the gap. Drawing on exhaustive fieldwork including 100 interviews with military officers, politicians and civilians, this book is the first to compare military public security operations in the two high crime cities of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Tijuana, Mexico. It demonstrates how citizen perceptions regarding military superiority over police often drive governments to more frequently use soldiers in extensive crime-fighting operations, often at the expense of civilian control and police reform. This is an excellent study that deserves to be widely read and debated.”

—David Pion-Berlin, *Distinguished Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Riverside*

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ABBREVIATIONS

ABRCC	Associação Beneficente Rio Criança Cidadã—Rio's Citizen Youth Charitable Foundation
ACISO	Ação Cívico Social—Civic Social Action
ADA	Amigo dos Amigos—Friends of Friends
AFO	Arellano Félix Organization
AGN	Archivo General de la Nación—National General Archive
AMAN	Academia Militar das Agulhas Negras—Agulhas Negras' Military Academy
APERJ	Arquivo Público do Estado do Rio de Janeiro—Public Archive of the State of Rio de Janeiro
BOMs	Basis de Operaciones Mixtas—Combined Operation Base
BOPE	Batalhão de Operações Policiais Especiais—Special Operations Police Battalion
CANACINTRA	Cámara Nacional de Industria de Transformación—National Chamber of Manufacturing Industry
CANACO	Cámara de Comercio Servicios e Turismos—Chamber of Commerce, Services and Tourism
CCDH	Comisión Ciudadana del Derechos Humanos del Noroeste—Citizen Commission of Northwest Human Rights
CEDH	Comisión Estatal de Derechos Humanos—State Human Rights' Commission
CEV	Comissão da Verdade do Rio—Rio's Truth Commission
CISEN	Centro de Investigación y Seguridad Nacional—Directorate for Investigation and National Security
CMDPDH	Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de Derechos Humanos—Mexican Commission of Defense and Promotion of Human Rights

CNDH	Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos—National Commission of Human Rights
CNV	Comissão Nacional da Verdade—National Truth Commission
CODI	Centro de Operações de Defesa Interna—Center for Internal Defense Operations
CONAPO	Consejo Nacional de Población—National Council of Population
COPARMEX	Confederación Patronal de la República Mexicana—Employers' Confederation of the Mexican Republic
CV	Comando Vermelho—Red Command
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
DFS	Dirección Federal de Seguridad—Federal Security Directorate
DOI	Destacamento de Operações de Informações—Department of Information Operations
DOPS	Departamento de Ordem Política e Social—Department of Social and Political Order
DTO	Drug Trafficking Organizations
ECEME	Escola de Comando e Estado-Maior do Exército—Army Command and General Staff School
ESAO	Escola de Aperfeiçoamento de Oficiais—School for Officers' Instruction
EsEFEx	Escola de Educação Física do Exército—Army School of Physical Training
ESG	Escola Superior de Guerra—Superior War College
FAFERJ	Federação de Associações de Favelas do Estado do Rio de Janeiro—Federation of Favelas of the State of Rio de Janeiro
FASP	Fondo de Aportaciones para la Seguridad Pública—Public Security Support Fund
GLO	Operação de Garantia da Lei e da Ordem—Operation to Ensure Law and Order
GPAES	Grupamento de Polícia em Áreas Estratégicas—Police Group for Special Areas
IBGE	Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística—Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics
INEGI	Instituto Nacional de Geografía y Estadística—The National Institute of Statistics and Geography
ISP	Instituto de Segurança Pública—Public Security Institute
MINUSTAH	United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti
MPF	Ministério Público Federal—Public Prosecutor's Office
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OBAN	Operation Bandeirantes—Bandeirantes Operation
PAC	Programa de Aceleração do Crescimento—Acceleration Growth Program

PAN	Partido Acción Nacional—National Action Party
PCC	Primeiro Comando da Capital—First Command of the Capital
PDT	Partido Democrático Trabalhista—Democratic Labor Party
PFDC	Procuradoria Federal dos Direitos do Cidadão—Federal Attorney for Citizens' Rights
PPF	Polícia Federal Preventiva—Federal Preventive Police
PGR	Procuradoria General de la República—Attorney General of the Republic
PMDB	Partido do Movimento Democrático Brasileiro—Party of the Brazilian Democratic Movement
PRD	Partido de la Revolución Democrática—Party of the Democratic Revolution
PRI	Partido Revolucionario Institucional—Institutional Revolutionary Party
PSOL	Partido Socialismo e Liberdade—Socialism and Liberty Party
PT	Partido dos Trabalhadores—Workers' Party
RCC	Regimento de Carros de Combate—Regiment of Armed Vehicles
SEDENA	Secretaría de la Defensa Nacional—Secretariat of National Defense
SEIDO	Subprocuraduría Especializadas en Investigación de Delincuencia Organizada—Anti-Organized Crime Unit from the Mexican Federal Attorney's Office
SEMAR	Secretaría de la Marina—Secretariat of the Navy
SESNSP	Secretariado Ejecutivo del Sistema Nacional de Seguridad Pública—National System of Public Security Executive Secretariat
SNI	Serviço Nacional de Informação—National Service of Information
TCP	Terceiro Comando Puro—Pure Third Command
UPP	Unidade de Polícia Pacificadora—Unit of Pacifying Police
US	United States of America

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