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According to a report issued June 18, Ecuadoran police and the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) recently dismantled an international narcotics trafficking organization comprised of five Ecuadorans, two Colombians, one Brazilian and a US national. The organization operated in New Jersey, and was responsible for the sale of about 200 kg. of cocaine per week. The cocaine, which originated in Colombia, was shipped from the Ecuador's Guayaquil port. Several members of the trafficking ring were arrested, and 114 kg. of cocaine were confiscated in the US. Ecuadoran police later arrested other members of the organization in Guayaquil. (Source: Chinese news service Xinhua, 06/18/92)

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