

Latin America & Caribbean Diplomacy: Border Tensions, Trade Deals, and Crises

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1. Which South American nation has brought its border dispute with Venezuela over the Essequibo region before the International Court of Justice (ICJ)?

- A) Colombia
- B) Brazil
- C) Guyana**
- D) Ecuador

2. In March 2026, security forces from which two South American countries launched a joint operation, codenamed 'Operation Mirror,' to target criminal groups along their shared border, despite an escalating trade dispute?

- A) Venezuela and Colombia
- B) Ecuador and Colombia**
- C) Brazil and Argentina
- D) Peru and Ecuador

3. Which country became the first in the world to adopt Bitcoin as legal tender in 2021, a move that later faced international criticism and a partial limitation of its involvement due to a deal with the IMF?

- A) Panama
- B) El Salvador**
- C) Nicaragua
- D) Honduras

4. In April 2026, the Dominican Republic signed two international agreements to strengthen security and crime prevention. With which entities were these partnerships formed?

- A) The United States and Canada
- B) The European Union and Spain**
- C) Mexico and CARICOM
- D) France and the United Kingdom

5. Which Central American country's government announced plans in November 2024 for a new interoceanic canal, with an initial feasibility study to be performed by a PRC-based firm?

- A) Costa Rica
- B) Panama
- C) Nicaragua**
- D) Guatemala

6. As of April 2026, what is the primary reason cited by Ecuador for imposing significant tariffs on Colombian goods, described as a 'security fee'?

- A) Colombia's failure to police its border and combat drug trafficking**
- B) Colombia's environmental protection policies
- C) Colombia's trade surplus with Ecuador
- D) Colombia's support for rebel groups

7. In April 2026, the United States and Cuba held their first diplomatic talks in ten years. What was a key topic discussed during this meeting in Havana?

- A) Joint space exploration initiatives
- B) Cuba's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism
- C) The economic situation in Cuba and offering assistance for internet connectivity**
- D) The U.S. embargo on Cuba

8. In March 2026, the Dominican Republic and Spain signed a bilateral security cooperation treaty. What is a key area covered by this treaty?

- A) Cultural heritage protection
- B) Fisheries management
- C) Drug trafficking and arms trafficking**
- D) Agricultural subsidies

9. Which Caribbean nation is currently facing challenges with a proposed successor agreement to CARIBCAN, as negotiations with Canada have stalled since 2007?

- A) Barbados
- B) Jamaica**
- C) Trinidad and Tobago
- D) Bahamas

10. In April 2026, Haiti and the Dominican Republic reopened their shared airspace after a closure ordered in 2024. What was the primary reason for the initial closure?

- A) A trade dispute over agricultural products
- B) Escalating violence in Haiti and the expansion of territorial control by criminal gangs**
- C) A disagreement over maritime boundaries
- D) Concerns about a pandemic outbreak