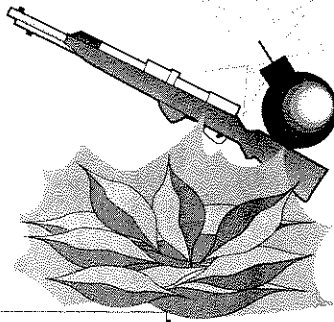


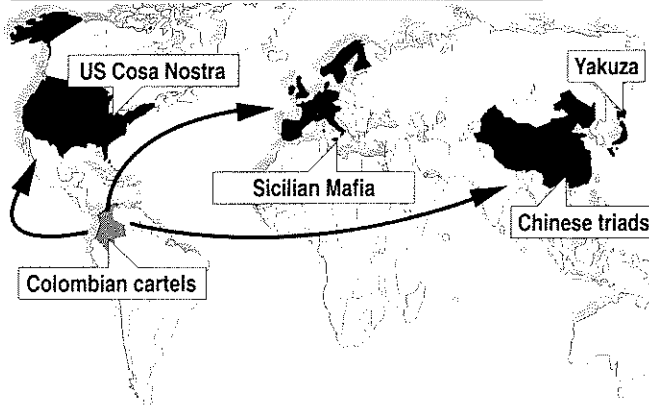
COLOMBIAN CARTELS

Major activities

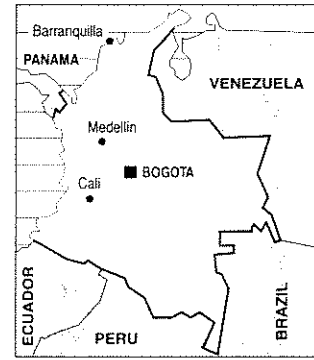
The Colombian cartels are unique among crime organizations in that they were begun and have continued solely for trafficking in drugs, marijuana first and then cocaine. The cartels manage the entire cycle from production to distribution around the World.



International connection



Colombia



Size and structure

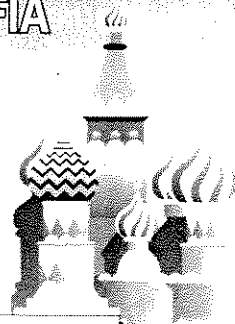
Hundreds of men, rigid pyramid structure with bosses of various families in control of precise geographic areas gathered together as cartels. The purpose of the cartels, the most powerful of which are the Medellin and Cali, is to maximize activity and profit.

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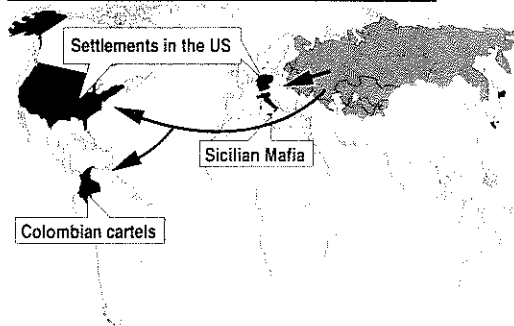
RUSSIAN MAFIA

Major activities

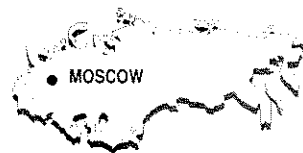
Trafficking in everything: raw material, ex-Red Army weapons, nuclear materials, fraud, prostitution, drug trafficking, money laundering, black marketeering and counterfeiting.



International connections



FORMER SOVIET UNION



Size and structure

Three million members in 5,700 gangs of which at least 200 have highly sophisticated structures with dealings in 29 countries. In great expansion since collapse of Communist rule but in existence before this. Turnover estimated at hundreds of millions of dollars.

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