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## Argentine invasion of Falklands is possible

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An Argentine warship has landed troops and equipment on the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands and an Argentine invasion of the islands cannot be ruled out, The Times said today.

The newspaper said the Argentine ship, Cabo Sangonzalo, had unloaded 750 tons of equipment and more than 50 military technicians at Stanley, the largest port in the British colony claimed by Argentina, bringing the number of Argentine troops in the islands to 200 to 250 men.

Among other things, the equipment unloaded would enable the Argentinians to lengthen the 860 yard-long landing strip in order to allow bigger planes to land there.

British forces defending the Crown Colony, about 480 miles northeast of Cape Horn in the south Atlantic off Argentina, are limited to 37 sailors and one naval vessel, HMS Endurance.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr James Callaghan, last week tried to play down the current crisis over the islands by inviting the Argentine Government to co-operate in their economic development "taking into account the wishes and interests" of the islands' approximately 2,000 inhabitants, mostly of British descent. Britain has occupied the islands for over 140 years.

In Rio de Janeiro yesterday the judicial committee of the Organisation of American States backed Argentina's "undeniable right to sovereignty" over the Falkland Islands.

In a statement, the Inter-American Judicial Committee said the "fundamental question to be resolved" was "the procedure to follow" in order to "reintegrate" the British-held islands into Argentina's national territory.

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