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Extrajudicial Execution

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PERU: Francisco HILARIO TORRES, aged 62
 Román HILARIO MORAN, aged 26
 Dionicia QUISPE MALLQUI, aged 60 (f)
 Antonio HILARIO QUISPE, aged 81
 Magdalena HILARIO QUISPE, aged 26 (f)
 Mercedes CARHUAPOMA DE LA CRUZ, aged 20 (f)
 Dionisio GUILLEN RIVEROS, aged 24
 Alex JORGE HILARIO)
 Yesenia OSNAYO HILARIO (f))
 Héctor HILARIO GUILLEN)
 Miriam OSNAYO HILARIO (f)) Reportedly
 Wilmer HILARIO CARHUAPOMA) Minors
 Raúl HILARIO GUILLEN)
 Rozana OSNAYO (f))

Amnesty International is concerned about reports of the alleged extrajudicial execution of 14 peasants, whose bodies were found in an abandoned mine in Huachocollpa, Huancavelica department, on 11 July 1991.

The fourteen, who include men, women and minors from the Santa Bárbara peasant community in the district and province of Huancavelica, had reportedly been detained on 4 July 1991 by members of the army. According to the president of the community's administrative council, some 50 soldiers entered the village on 4 July and threatened to kill the residents if they did not give them food and livestock; several hundred cattle, sheep and alpacas were said to have been stolen by the troops and later sold in other villages.

The bodies of the 14 individuals were said to have been discovered on 11 July by the father of one of the victims. Although the bodies had been apparently dynamited in an attempt to prevent recognition, relatives were able to identify the remains of the victims.

On 12 July 1991, relatives denounced the killings to the Fiscal Provincial de Huancavelica, the provincial prosecutor of Huancavelica and to the municipal authorities. A municipal official also denounced the case to the provincial attorney and to a judge.

On 18 July 1991, the judge and the provincial prosecutor, in the presence of members of the police, armed forces and media, went to the mine to carry out an investigation. They are reported to have retrieved remains of the bodies. During the investigation 23 people were detained by the army, of whom 21 were subsequently released (see UA 255/91, AMR 46/43/91, 23 July 1991).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On 28 July 1990 President Fujimori indicated in a speech setting out his government's policies that human rights would be fully respected. During the past twelve months Amnesty International has continued to receive reports of gross human rights violations, particularly in the emergency zones controlled by political-military commands. In August and September 1990 two mass extrajudicial executions were reported respectively in Iquicha and Chillcahuaycco, department of Ayacucho (see Mass Human Rights Violations

Continue Under New Government, AMR 46/37/91, July 1991).

Human rights violations take place in a context of increasingly violent activities by armed opposition groups, especially "Sendero Luminoso", which has claimed responsibility for hundreds of execution-style killings of government officials, leaders of left-wing political parties and members of peasant communities believed to have cooperated with the armed forces.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes and airmail letters:

- expressing concern about the reported extrajudicial execution of 14 peasants from the Santa Bárbara community after their detention by members of the army;
- urging that the killings be fully and impartially investigated, that those responsible be brought to justice and that the findings be made public.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Peru in your country.

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