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POSSIBLE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION

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Félix GARCIA MANSILLA (43)  
Agripina CABRERA MOROTE (41)  
Gladys GARCIA CABRERA (17)  
Gregorio GARCIA CABRERA (9)  
Beatriz GARCIA CABRERA (2)  
Marcelino GARCIA CANCHARI (25)  
Atilio GOMEZ HUAMANI (17)  
Zósimo RODRIGUEZ HUAMANI (18)

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Amnesty International is concerned about the reported killing of a family of five and three other people in circumstances that suggest that they may have been extrajudicially executed by members of the security forces or people acting with their acquiescence. The killings took place in a house located in the Villa de Santa Rosa neighbourhood, San Juan Bautista district, in the city of Ayacucho, department of Ayacucho.

According to reports, on the night of 24 October 1991 about eight hooded men entered the home of Félix García Mansilla and Agripina Cabrera Morote and shot dead the couple and their three children, a relative and two members of a civil defence patrol who were staying at the García Cabrera's home.

The reports indicate that the assailants were carrying firearms fixed with silencers and that at the time of the attack military vehicles were stationed in the vicinity of the house. Neighbours also claimed that the house had been watched over by people in civilian clothing but thought to be members of the security forces.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Gross and widespread human rights violations have afflicted Peru since 1983, as more and more areas of the country are designated emergency zones under military control. Emergency zones form the core of counter-insurgency strategy to combat widespread armed opposition, principally from Sendero Luminoso which has been responsible for extensive atrocities since it commenced armed actions in 1980. Thousands of people have been killed by Sendero Luminoso, who frequently torture their captives and subject them to mock trials before killing them, in a parody of justice.

Since the armed conflict began, thousands of people have "disappeared" or been extrajudicially executed by the security forces in the emergency zones. Most of those whose bodies were found had been brutally tortured, as were the few who survived "disappearance"

Threats, attacks and selective assassinations have been attributed to paramilitary groups operating under a variety of names, including the so called Comando Rodrigo Franco (CRF), Rodrigo Franco Command, which operated from July 1988 until prior to the completion of the previous government's term of office in July 1990. Since June 1991, threats from a group calling itself the Comando de Liberación Antiterrorista, the Anti-Terrorist Liberation

Command, have been issued against several journalists in the city of Ayacucho. One of the journalists, Luis Antonio Morales Ortega was subsequently killed (See UA 248/91, AI Index AMR 46/42/91). Human rights organizations in Peru have expressed concern that the Comando de Liberación Antiterrorista may be working with the direct support or the acquiescence of the armed forces.

In early November 1991, 16 people were shot dead in the centre of Lima, the capital, in an apparent extrajudicial execution by members of the security forces or people acting with their acquiescence. The assailants apparently used firearms with silencers (See UA 401/91, AI Index AMR 46/75/91).

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/express and airmail letters:**

- urging that a thorough and impartial investigation be immediately ordered into the killing of the above mentioned people in circumstances suggesting possible involvement of the security forces;

- urging that findings be made public and the perpetrators be brought to justice;

- urging that concrete steps be taken with the utmost urgency to guarantee the personal security of all witnesses.

**APPEALS TO**

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**[Salutation: Dear President]**

General EP Hugo Martínez Aloja  
Jefe Político Militar de Ayacucho  
Cuatel Militar BIM 51 Los Cabitos  
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**Telegrams: General EP Martinez**  
**[Salutation: Dear General Martinez]**

General EP Victor Malca Villanueva  
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**[Salutation: Dear Minister]**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Peru in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 January 1992.**

