

# URGENT ACTION

## TRADE UNION LEADERS RELEASED PENDING TRIAL

**Peruvian trade union leaders Pedro Condori Laurente and Antonio Quispe Tamayo were released on 29 March, pending the outcome of the trial. They had both been detained since 11 January 2011 on unfounded charges. No evidence that they have committed any crime has been presented and Amnesty International believes they are being charged solely because of their peaceful human rights work.**

**Pedro Condori Laurente** is the Secretary General of the Casapalca Mine Workers Union. **Antonio Quispe Tamayo** is the union's Secretary for Organizations. The two men have been charged with crimes against the public administration (“delito contra la administración pública”), the use of violence, (“violencia”) and resisting arrest (“resistencia a la autoridad”).

The charges against both men refer to an incident which took place on 19 July 2010, when a miner was killed following an accident at the Casapalca mine, Huarochiri province, Lima Department. Both trade union leaders stayed at the site of the accident to wait for the arrival of a public prosecutor. According to reports, when the public prosecutor arrived, he attempted to remove the body without having collected any evidence to determine whether there was any responsibility on the part of the company. Pedro Condori Laurente and Antonio Quispe Tamayo made a complaint to the public prosecutor and opposed the immediate removal of the body, but no violence was used.

A High Court of Lima (Corte Superior de Lima) revoked the arrest warrant ordered by a Court of Huarochiri in January, and ordered their conditional release. However, the trial against them continues.

**No further appeals from the UA network are required at present. Many thanks to all those who took action.**

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<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR46/002/2010/en> and <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR46/001/2011/en>

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