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PERU:                      Raúl NARAZA SALAZAR, trader, 36

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Amnesty International has just learned of the "disappearance" of Raúl Naraza Salazar after detention by the armed forces in Tingo María, Leoncio Prado province, Huánuco department.

According to reports, on the morning of 22 November 1991 Raúl Naraza was travelling by bus along the road leading from Tingo María to Huánuco town, when the vehicle was halted by a group of armed men, who, according to witnesses, appeared to be soldiers. After ordering all the passengers off the bus, the men detained Raúl Naraza, while the others were permitted to continue their journey.

The mother of Raúl Naraza denounced these events at the Policía Técnica, the investigative police, and at the "Los Laureles" military base in Tingo María, both of which denied any knowledge of the detention. Other relatives denounced the "disappearance" to the Vigésima Segunda Fiscalía Provincial en lo Penal de Lima, the 22nd provincial attorney's office in Lima, and to the Fiscalía Especial de Defensoría del Pueblo y Derechos Humanos, the office of the Special Attorney for the Defence of the People and Human Rights.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** [note for translators: first 2 paras same as those of UA 401/91, AMR 46/75/91, 15 Nov 1991]

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". In recent years "disappearances" and extrajudicial executions have spread beyond the emergency zones to afflict the entire country.

Since August the number of "disappearances" reported in Peru has diminished markedly. However, numerous "disappearances" and summary killings by the security forces continue to be reported from the Huánuco department, an emergency zone commanded by the military (see Urgent Actions: UA 310/91, AI Index AMR 46/62/91; UA 368/91, AI Index 46/69/91; UA 379/91, AI Index AMR 46/73/91; UA 402/91, AI Index AMR 46/76/91).

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

- expressing concern at the "disappearance" of Raúl Naraza Salazar following his reported detention by members of the army in Tingo María and urging that his whereabouts be immediately clarified;

- asking that he be given immediate access to representatives of the Public Ministry and the International Committee of the Red Cross;

- asking that he be brought before a judge so that he may be charged with a recognizable criminal offence or be released;

- asking that while in detention he be humanely treated and given access to a lawyer, doctor and relatives.

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**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation: Señor Ministro / Dear Minister**

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Coronel EP Augusto Salaverry  
Jefe Político-Militar de Huánuco  
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**Telegrams: Jefe Político-Militar, Huánuco, Perú**

**Salutation: Señor Coronel / Dear Colonel**

Undersecretary of Multilateral Policy:

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Subsecretario de Política Multilateral  
Subsecretaría de Política Multilateral  
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**Telgrams: Sr Subsecretario, Ministerio Relaciones Exteriores, Lima, Peru**  
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and to diplomatic representatives of Peru in your country.

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