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**PERU: Jorge Nabid LEON RAMIREZ
 César Augusto LEON RAMIREZ**

Amnesty International is concerned about the alleged torture of Jorge Nabid León Ramírez and César Augusto León Ramírez by members of the security forces, or by individuals thought to be acting with their support.

According to reports, on the night of 12 January 1992, on entering his home in the city of Ayacucho, province of Huamanga, Ayacucho department, Jorge Nabid León Ramírez, 28-year-old student of chemical engineering, was attacked by four armed men who identified themselves as members of the Los Linces army unit. He was allegedly beaten while being asked as to the whereabouts of four of his brothers. He was left with several broken ribs and needed hospitalisation.

On the night of 6 March 1992, 32-year-old César Augusto León Ramírez, one of Jorge Nabid's brothers and a student of physical education, was attacked on entering his home by a group of unidentified men in circumstances suggesting that they were linked to the security forces. He was allegedly hit across the nose with an iron bar and lost consciousness immediately.

Jorge Nabid and César Augusto are brothers of Américo Carlos León Ramírez who was detained in the city of Ayacucho on 18 April 1989 and subsequently released (See UA 116/89, AMR 46/29/89 of 2 May 1989 and follow-up AMR 46/47/89 of 5 July 1989). Amnesty International subsequently learned that Américo Carlos León Ramírez had been allegedly tortured during his detention and had to be hospitalised. Américo Carlos and his family are said to have left Ayacucho city for their own safety.

Jorge Nabid and César Augusto, who had recently returned to study in Ayacucho city, allege that the attacks are linked to members of the army seeking to discover the whereabouts of Américo Carlos León Ramírez, following his denunciation to the authorities and to the Inter American Commission of Human Rights, of his detention and torture.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Over the past nine years, Amnesty International has documented a pattern of gross human rights violations in Peru including at least 4,000 people who have "disappeared" after having been detained by the security forces. Thousands more appear to have been killed by government forces in extrajudicial executions. Torture and other ill-treatment have also been frequently reported. The vast majority of human rights violations have been carried out against a background of widespread violent abuses by the armed opposition group Partido Comunista del Perú (Sendero Luminoso), PCP, Communist Party of Peru (Shining Path), including the torture, mutilation and murder

of thousands of defenceless civilians not directly involved in the armed conflict.

A second armed opposition group, the Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru, MRTA, Túpac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, has also conducted a campaign which has included the occasional killing of defenceless civilians. Amnesty International has repeatedly condemned such abuses by the PCP and MRTA.

In November 1991 Amnesty International published a report on the human rights situation in Peru which included a set of comprehensive reforms designed to halt human rights violations. (See Peru: Human rights in a climate of terror, AI Index:AMR 46/56/91). The report was sent to the Government of Peru.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/airmail letters:

- asking that the allegations of torture and ill-treatment of Jorge Nabid and César Augusto León Ramírez be thoroughly investigated and the perpetrators brought to justice;

- expressing concern for the physical safety of the two brothers;

- urging that Jorge Nabid and César Augusto as well as Américo Carlos León Ramírez and the other members of the family be granted full guarantees for their safety.

APPEALS TO

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Human Rights Association:

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Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos (APRODEH)
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and to diplomatic representatives of Peru in your country.

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