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Death Threats

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Rosa DEL PILAR DE PASTOR (female)
and her four children

Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of Rosa del Pilar de Pastor and her four children. Rosa del Pilar is the wife of army general José Pastor Vives who is presently in prison because of his alleged involvement in a failed military coup which took place on 13 November 1992.

According to statements made to the press by Rosa del Pilar, she has on two occasions received anonymous telephone threats in which she was told to abandon her home immediately because explosives had been placed there. She apparently believes that these threats are a consequence of her campaigning on behalf of her detained husband.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

José Pastor Vives was detained following an unsuccessful military coup on 13 November 1992. He was subsequently tried before a military tribunal, accused of rebellion against the government. On 15 December 1992, on orders of the Supreme Council of Military Justice, Consejo Supremo de Justicia Militar, José Pastor and other top military officers were transferred to the Miguel Castro Castro prison in Lima.

According to press reports, General Jaime Salinas, who lead the coup attempt, has stated that the coup was intended to restore constitutional rule, which was broken by President Fujimori on 5 April 1992 when he announced the immediate dissolution of Congress and stated that the country was to be ruled by a transitional, executive-led Government of Emergency and National Reconstruction, Gobierno de Emergencia y Reconstrucción Nacional. The president also announced a reform of the Constitution and of Congress and suspended for four weeks the functioning of the judiciary and the Public Ministry. The dissolved Congress had had a responsibility for investigating human rights violations. The reform of the Constitution is to be undertaken by a Constituent Congress which was elected on 22 November 1992.

President Fujimori and his government assumed power on 28 July 1990. The government inherited a legacy of gross human rights violations dating back to January 1983, including thousands of cases of "disappearance" and extrajudicial execution. According to the cases documented by Amnesty International, between 28 July 1990 and 30 November 1992 some 631 people allegedly "disappeared" after arrest and 175 were extrajudicially executed. Dozens of cases of torture, and of death threats and attacks on human rights defenders, have also been documented by the organization since July 1990.

Human rights violations occur in the context of the government's counter-insurgency operations directed against the clandestine armed opposition groups Partido Comunista del Perú, (Sendero Luminoso), PCP, Communist Party of Peru (Shining Path) and the Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru, (MRTA), Túpac Amaru Revolutionary Movement. Amnesty International is concerned about and condemns the deliberate and arbitrary killing by the armed opposition of defenceless civilians not directly involved in the internal conflict and of members of the security forces who have laid down their arms and those placed *hors de combat* by sickness, wounds, detention

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or any other cause.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes and airmail letters either in Spanish, English or in your own language:

- expressing concern at the threats received by Rosa del Pilar de Pastor and her four children;

- requesting that all the necessary measures be urgently taken to guarantee their physical safety;

- asking for a full and impartial investigation into the threats and that those responsible be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

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Presidente Alberto Fujimori
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Salutation: Señor Presidente / Dear President

2) Minister of the Interior:

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3) Attorney General

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Lima, PERU

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Salutation: Sra. Fiscal de la Nación / Dear Attorney General

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Human Rights Organization:

Señores

CEAPAZ

Costa Rica 150

Lima 11

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and to diplomatic representatives of PERU accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 1 February 1993.