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"Disappearance"

17 March 1993

PERU:

Rony GUERRA BLANCAS, 23

Milagros Flor TUPAC GONZALEZ (female), 22

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Amnesty International is concerned about the reported "disappearance" of Rony Guerra Blancas and Milagros Flor Tupac González, two student leaders at the Universidad Nacional del Centro, National University of the Centre. They were reportedly arrested on 11 and 12 February 1993 respectively in the city of Huancayo, Junín department, by men dressed in plain clothes, believed to be linked to the security forces.

According to reports, Rony Guerra Blancas was detained in the presence of witnesses in a street in Huancayo on 11 February 1993, at about 12.30 pm. The reports indicate that the perpetrators were three armed men who covered his face with a pullover and drove him away in a taxi to an unknown destination. A neighbour of Rony Guerra stated that at midnight on the same day the detainee was taken to his home by six uniformed men who, after searching the house, drove him away again.

Milagros Flor Tupac González was reportedly taken away on the 12 February 1993 by some 10 armed men who entered her home in Huancayo. An uncle of the victim witnessed the incident. The abduction was denounced to the Fiscalía Especial de Defensoría del Pueblo y Derechos Humanos de Huancayo, Huancayo's Special Attorney for the Defence of the People and Human Rights.

The parents of both victims denounced the incidents to the Comandancia de la Policía Nacional del Perú, National Police Headquarters in Huancayo, to the Jefatura contra el Terrorismo, Regional Headquarters Against Terrorism, and to the army Cuartel 9 de Diciembre, 9 December Barracks. The head of all three institutions denied having detained the students. *Habeas corpus* petitions were also presented to the examining magistrate in Huancayo on behalf of both students.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

President Alberto 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. The President has repeatedly stated that his government is pursuing a policy of respect for human rights. However, according to the cases documented by Amnesty International, between 28 July 1990 and March 1993, some 619 people allegedly "disappeared" after arrest, 481 of whom remained unaccounted for at the end of the period. A further 55 have been found dead.

Human rights violations occur in the context of the government's counter-insurgency operations directed against the clandestine Partido Comunista del Perú, PCP, Communist Party of Peru and the Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru, MRTA, Túpac Amaru Revolutionary Movement. Amnesty International opposes 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 or any other cause.

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

- expressing concern at the reported "disappearance" of Rony Guerra Blancas and Milagros Flor Tupac González;
- urging that their whereabouts and legal situation be immediately clarified and that their physical integrity be guaranteed;
- asking that they be given access to an independent lawyer, a doctor, relatives and a representative of the Public Ministry;
- asking that they be brought before a judge and charged with a recognizable criminal offence or immediately released.

**APPEALS TO**

1) President:

Presidente Alberto Fujimori  
Presidente de la República  
Palacio de Gobierno  
Plaza de Armas  
Lima 1, PERU

**Telegrams:** Presidente Fujimori, Lima, Peru

**Telexes:** 20167 PE PALACIO

**Salutation:** Señor Presidente / Dear Mr President

2) Minister of Defence:

General EP Víctor Malca Villanueva  
Ministro de Defensa  
Ministerio de Defensa  
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**Telegrams:** Ministro Interior Briones, Lima, Perú

**Telexes:** 21133 PE OCMI/21697

**Telexes:** 25438 COMGREGJ

**Salutation:** Señor Ministro/ Dear Minister

3) Attorney General:

Dra. Blanca Nélica Colán  
Fiscal General de la Nación  
Fiscalía General de la Nación

Edificio Torre de Lima, 7 piso  
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Lima, Perú  
**Telegrams: Fiscal de la Nación, Lima, Perú**  
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**Salutation: Señora Fiscal General de la Nación / Dear Attorney General**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

Human Rights Association:

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CEAPAZ  
Apartado 11-0764  
Lima 11  
PERU

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 28 April 1993.