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"Disappearance"

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Esteban RAMOS HUAYNAY

Amnesty International is concerned about the alleged "disappearance" of 28-year-old farmer Esteban Ramos Huaynay who, was last seen inside an army base.

According to reports, on 17 December 1991 Esteban Ramos was detained in the Pampayaco hamlet, Uchiza district, province of Tocache, San Martín department, by soldiers from the nearby Uchiza army base. A few days after his detention Esteban Ramos was reportedly seen inside the base by a lawyer acting for the detainee's wife. However when she and a Tocache provincial attorney visited the base, the army authorities refused to acknowledge having carried out the detention.

In spite of the denials, reports further indicate that on an unspecified date in March 1992, members of the army stationed in Uchiza told Esteban Ramos's wife that he had been transferred to the Morales army base in Tarapoto, province and department of San Martín. However, according to a document reportedly issued by a San Martín provincial attorney, when he went to the Morales army base on 10 April 1992 the detainee was not found there.

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. In his inaugural speech the President stated that his government would fully respect human rights. On a number of subsequent occasions President Fujimori and representatives of his government have repeated that pledge. However, according to the cases documented by Amnesty International, between 28 July 1990 and 31 March 1992 some 486 people allegedly "disappeared" after arrest and 169 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.

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

- expressing concern at the "disappearance" of Esteban Ramos Huaynay who was last seen in the Uchiza army base in the province of Tocache, San Martín department and urging that his whereabouts be immediately clarified;
- pointing out that, according to reports, members of the Uchiza army base said that he was transferred to an army base in Tarapoto, but military

authorities there denied that they were holding him;

- asking that he be given immediate access to representatives of the Public Ministry;

- 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

1) President:

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Plaza de Armas
Lima 1, PERU

Señor Presidente / Dear President

Telegrams: Presidente Alberto Fujimori, Lima, Peru

Telexes: 20167 PE PALACIO

2) President of the Joint Command
of the Armed Force:

General Nicolás de Bavi Hermoza Ríos
Presidente del Comando Conjunto de
las Fuerzas Armadas
291 Av. Arequipa
Lima, PERU

Señor General / Dear General

**Telegrams: Presidente del Comando Conjunto de las Fuerzas Armadas, Lima,
PERU**

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Human Rights Organization:

Señores
CEAPAZ
Costa Rica 150
Lima 11, PERU

and to diplomatic representatives of Peru in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 June 1992.