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Extrajudicial Execution

9 May 1991

PERU: Mauricio BARRIENTOS GUTIERREZ (accent on first e of Gutierrez)

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Amnesty International is seriously concerned about the alleged extrajudicial execution of Mauricio Barrientos Gutiérrez of Pomacocha, Andahuaylas province, department of Apurímac.

According to reports, in the early hours of 5 April 1991, following an alleged attack of Sendero Luminoso, Shining Path, soldiers from the military base and police from Pomacocha, in the province of Andahuaylas, Apurímac department, gathered villagers in front of the local police station, forcing them to undress and lie on the floor. A member of the local security police called out the name of Mauricio Barrientos Gutiérrez, who was then taken inside the police station. According to information received, villagers subsequently heard two shots from within the police station; later the police presented his body, stating that he died as a result of a fight.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Apurímac is located within an emergency zone and is ruled by a political-military command. Under this rule the police are under the control of the political-military command. Since 1982 Amnesty International has received numerous denunciations of what appear to be extrajudicial executions, but in spite of the strict rule in the emergency zones, those responsible for these killings have never been found.

Human rights violations take place in a context of increasingly violent activities by armed opposition groups, especially "Sendero Luminoso", which has claimed responsibility for hundreds of execution-style killings of government officials, leaders of political parties and members of peasant communities believed to have cooperated with the armed forces.

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

- expressing concern about the reported extrajudicial execution of Mauricio Barrientos Gutiérrez by members of the Security Police of Pomacocha;
- asking that a full and impartial investigation be initiated, the results be made public, and those responsible be brought to justice.

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