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Fear of torture/"disappearance"/  
extrajudicial execution

19 June 1992

PERU: Yehude SIMON MUNAROS (45), former parliamentarian  
Luis LORA MUGA (64)  
Armida VALLADARES (45) (female)  
Rosa NEYRA (female)  
José Antonio ALVAREZ, journalist  
Mario REUPO, security guard  
Edgar RIVADENEYRA (33)  
Silvio ESPINOZA GARCIA (32), medical student  
Magno FERNANDEZ  
Fernando VALENCIA OSORIO (22), journalist  
Marco BURGA, journalist  

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~~Eduardo SIHUE~~  
Gustavo POLANCO  
Carlos RIVERA (75)  
and ten others whose names are not known

Amnesty International is concerned for the physical safety of the above 24 people, most of them members and staff of the political group Patria Libre, reportedly detained by the police on 11 and 12 June 1992 in Lima, the capital.

According to reports, on 11 June the police detained former parliamentarian Yehude Simon Munaros, Luis Lora Muga, Armida Valladares and Rosa Neyra, all of them part of the leadership of Patria Libre. Journalist José Antonio Alvarez and security guard Mario Reupo were also detained with them. These six people were apparently driving in a car when they were detained.

The reports further indicate that early on 12 June the police stationed themselves outside the offices of Patria Libre and detained 18 more people as they entered the building. Among those detained there were two more journalists (Fernando Valencia Osorio and Marco Burga), a medical student (Silvio Espinoza García) and staff from the Patria Libre offices. The names of the other ten detainees are not known to human rights organizations.

The detainees were reportedly taken to the Dirección Nacional Contra el Terrorismo, DINCOTE, the anti-terrorist police. However the police authorities have refused to officially acknowledge any of the detentions.

Following the detentions, the homes of the many of the people listed above were said to have been visited and searched by the police.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On 5 April 1992, President Fujimori announced the immediate dissolution of Congress and a wholesale reorganization of the judiciary and the Public Ministry. Following

the announcement, congressional commissions investigating human rights violations were stopped from working. In addition the judiciary and many of the Public Ministry offices were brought temporarily to a halt.

Since early May the courts and offices of the Public Ministry have reopened. President Fujimori's Government has appointed new Supreme Court judges, and a Fiscal de la Nación, Attorney General, as head of the Public Ministry. Some jurists have questioned the independence of the judiciary since President Fujimori announced his Government of Emergency and National Reconstruction.

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Human rights violations in Peru have been carried out against a background of widespread violent abuses by the armed opposition group Partido Comunista del Peru (Sendero Luminoso), PCP, Communist Party of Peru (Shining Path) which have included the murder of thousands of defenceless civilians not directly involved in the armed conflict. Another opposition group, the Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru, MRTA, Túpac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, has also conducted a campaign of violence which has included the killing of defenceless civilians. Amnesty International has repeatedly condemned such abuses by the PCP and the MRTA.

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

- expressing concern for the physical safety of the 24 people reportedly detained by the police on 11 and 12 June 1992;
- urging the authorities to publicly state the precise whereabouts of those detained;
- asking that if in custody they be either brought before a judge and charged with a recognizable criminal offence or released immediately;
- urging that if detained they be humanely treated and given access to independent lawyers, doctors, relatives and a representative from the Public Ministry.

**APPEALS TO**

1) President:

Presidente Alberto Fujimori  
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**Salutation: Señor Presidente/  
Dear President**

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2) Minister of the Interior:

General EP Juan Briones Dávila  
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Ministerio del Interior  
Plaza 30 de Agosto 150  
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**Salutation: Sr. Ministro/  
Dear Minister**

**Telegrams: General Briones, Ministro Interior, Lima, PERU**

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3) Director of DINCOTE:

General PNP Antonio Vidal Herrera  
Jefe de la Dirección Nacional Contra

**Salutation: Estimado Sr. General/  
Dear General**

el Terrorismo, DINCOTE

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Lima, PERU

**Telegrams: General Vidal Herrera, DINCOTE, Lima, PERU**

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Human Rights Organization:

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Lima, PERU

and to diplomatic representatives of Peru in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Please check with the International Secretary, or your Section Office, if sending appeals after 31 July 1992.