

EXTERNAL (for general distribution)

AI Index: AMR 46/40/93

Distr: UA/SC

UA 394/93      Fear of "disappearance"

5 November 1993

PERU              Raúl Yupanqui Barboza, aged 25

---

Amnesty International is concerned at the possible "disappearance" of Raúl Yupanqui Barboza. According to reports, Raúl Yupanqui left his father's home located in Pilcomayo, in the city of Huancayo, Huancayo province, Junín department, on 22 September 1993. The reports indicate that on his way to the town centre, he was seen being bundled into a Toyota car by men in plain clothes thought to be linked to the security forces.

Relatives failed to obtain any information as to his whereabouts. They reported Raúl Yupanqui's "disappearance" to the police and to the *Fiscalía de Defensoría del Pueblo y Derechos Humanos*, the Public Ministry's Office for the Defence of the People and Human Rights.

Raúl Yupanqui Barboza and his family are members of the *Alianza Popular Revolucionaria Americana*, APRA, American Popular Revolutionary Alliance, a political party that opposes the government of President Alberto Fujimori. The Yupanqui Barboza family is reported to have been subjected to repeated harassment. In 1990 and 1991 their home in Lima was deliberately set on fire and subsequently the family moved to Huancayo. They claim to have been victims of death threats on numerous occasions and in August 1991 Cipriano Yupanqui, father of Raúl Yupanqui, sent a written request for protection to the *Sub-Prefecto de Huancayo*, Huancayo's sub-prefect. His request was transmitted to the headquarters of the *Policía Nacional del Perú*, Peruvian National Police.

#### 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 "disappearances" and extrajudicial executions.

The President has repeatedly stated that his government is pursuing a policy of respect for human rights. However, between 28 July 1990 and 30 April 1993, Amnesty International has documented the cases of at least 560 unaccounted cases of "disappearance". The organization also has documented 228 cases of extrajudicial executions during the same period.

The department of Junín is currently under a state of emergency and is one of the areas where the largest number of human rights violations have occurred. During August and September 1992 at least 26 students of the *Universidad Nacional del Centro*, National University of the Centre, were reported "disappeared" after being detained by members of the security forces. The majority of these students were later found dead in circumstances suggesting they may have been

victim of extrajudicial execution.

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)*, Communist Party of Peru, (Shining Path) and the *Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru, 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.

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

- Expressing concern at the possible "disappearance" of Raúl Yupanqui Barboza, of the city of Huancayo, Huancayo province, Junín department;
- Asking that if in custody his whereabouts be disclosed and that he be either brought before a judge and charged with a recognizable criminal offence or be released immediately;
- Urging that if he is in custody he be humanely treated and given access to an independent lawyer, his relatives and a doctor.

**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) Public Ministry's Attorney General

Dra. Blanca Nélide Colán Maguiña  
 Fiscal de la Nación  
 Fiscalía de la Nación  
 Azangaro, Lima, PERU

**Telegrams: Fiscal de la Nación, Lima, Perú**

**Salutation: Estimada Señora Fiscal de la Nación / Dear Attorney General**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

Human Rights Association

Señores  
 Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos  
 Túpac Amaru 2467  
 Lince, Lima 14, 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 17 December 1993.