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PERU: Magno SOSA ROJAS, journalist

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Amnesty International is concerned for the physical safety of Magno Sosa Rojas, a journalist for a national daily newspaper in the department of Ayacucho.

The Political-Military Command of Ayacucho department has reportedly issued a public communique in which it accuses Magno Sosa of "trying to implicate members of the army in acts which are inconsistent with the task of pacification". The communique criticises an article published on 3 August 1992, in which the journalist accuses the armed forces of having abducted teacher Leonidas Chuchón Alvizuri on 24 July 1992.

There are serious fears for the physical safety of Magno Sosa. Since June 1991 he has received several death threats from a group calling itself the Comando de Liberación Anti-Terrorista, Anti-Terrorist Liberation Command, a death squad style paramilitary group. In August 1991 he was detained by the police in the city of Ayacucho, Huamanga province, Ayacucho department and accused of terrorism. Soon after his arrest, as a result of an illness brought on by the threats, he was transferred to the Hospital de Huamanga, where he was held incommunicado under police guard. On 30 or 31 August he was released due to lack of evidence (see UA 210/91, AMR 46/30/92 of 14 June 1991 and follow-up AMR 46/60/91 of 6 September 1991).

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

- urging that the physical safety of Magno Sosa Rojas be guaranteed;
- urging the authorities to guarantee the physical safety of all journalists reporting human rights violations and to ensure that the right to freedom of expression is respected.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) President:

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

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**Salutation: Señor Ministro / Dear Minister**

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Ministerio del Interior  
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**Salutation: Señor Ministro / Dear Minister**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

Human Rights Association:  
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Centro de Estudios y Acción para la Paz  
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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 23 September 1992.