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Further information on UA 260/91 (AMR 46/45/91, 25 July 1991) - Extrajudicial Execution

"Disappearance"/Possible Extrajudicial Execution (Note new concerns)

PERU: Francisco HILARIO TORRES, aged 60
Ramón HILARIO MORAN, aged 26
Dionicia QUISPE MALLQUI, aged 57 (female)
Antonia HILARIO QUISPE, aged 31 (f)
Magdalena HILARIO QUISPE, aged 26 (f)
Mercedes CARHUAPOMA DE LA CRUZ, aged 20 (f)
Dionicia GUILLEN RIVEROS, aged 24 (f)
Alex Jorge HILARIO, minor
Ysenia OSNAYO HILARIO, minor (f)
Héctor HILARIO GUILLEN, minor, aged 6
Miriam OSNAYO HILARIO, minor (f)
Wilmer HILARIO CARHUAPOMA, minor
Raúl HILARIO GUILLEN, minor, aged 18 months
Roxana OSNAYO HILARIO, minor (f)
Elihoref HUAMANI VERGARA, aged 22

Amnesty International has received further information on the first 14 of the above listed persons, and new information on the last named person, Elihoref Huamani Vergara. The organization is concerned that the 15 individuals may be victims of "disappearance"; their detention has been denied by the military.

Amnesty International is also concerned that the victims may have been extrajudicially executed. Amnesty International wishes to indicate that the above list replaces the list issued in UA 260/91, AMR 46/45/91, dated 25 July 1991.

According to reports, the 15 men, women and minors listed above were detained on 4 July 1991 by soldiers acting in conjunction with a civil defence patrol. Witnesses claimed the soldiers were from the Huancavelica and Lircay military bases. The civil defence patrol is also said to be based in the Lircay region.

The first 14 were said to have been detained in a place named Laccaypampa, community of Santa Bárbara, province and department of Huancavelica. The last named person, Elihoref Huamani Vergara, was detained near the "Una Corral" farm, also located in the Santa Bárbara community. The detentions were denounced to a Fiscal Provincial, provincial prosecutor, in Huancavelica, who was informed by a captain that none of those listed were detained in the base.

On 11 July a relative of Héctor Hilario Guillén, one of the "disappeared" minors, claimed to have found his body in an abandoned mine. He also is reported to have seen a number of other half-buried bodies.

On 12 July the discovery was denounced to the Fiscal Provincial and a Juez Instructor, examining magistrate, in Huancavelica. According to reports, arrangements were made for the magistrate to initiate an investigation.

On 14 July a delegation of members from the Santa Bárbara community

attempted to visit the mine. The delegation was prevented from approaching the mine by a group of armed men in civilian dress who, according to one witness, identified themselves as military personnel from barracks located at San Genaro. According to another witness, a series of explosions was heard while the delegation was held close to the mine entrance. The delegation was forced to return to their community without having gained access to the mine.

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According to reports, arrangements for the Juez Instructor to visit the mine on 14 and 15 July did not materialise. However, on 18 July the Juez Instructor entered the mine in the presence of the Fiscal Provincial, members of the police, armed forces and media. They are reported not to have found the bodies which a witness claimed to have first seen on 11 July. However, according to a transcription of the report written by the Juez Instructor, various human remains, items of clothing, used explosives and other items were found in the mine. These were retrieved by the Juez Instructor with the purpose of having them analyzed by the competent authorities.

During the investigation on 18 July, 23 members from the Santa Bárbara community were detained by the army when they reached the mine, of whom 21 were subsequently released (see UA 255/91, AMR 46/43/91, 23 July 1991).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes and airmail letters:

- expressing concern about the reported "disappearance" and possible extrajudicial execution of 15 members from the Santa Bárbara community after their detention by the army;
- urging that a full and impartial investigation be established into the detentions on 4 July 1991 of the above named, into subsequent events leading to the discovery of a number of bodies on 11 July, and into the discovery of human remains, used explosives, items of clothing and other items, on 18 July;
- urging that if any of the above persons are held in detention they be given immediate access to relatives, doctors and lawyers, and that if they are not charged with a recognisable offence, they be immediately released;
- urging that witnesses and investigators be granted all the guarantees and protection necessary for the investigation of the above "disappearances" and possible extrajudicial executions.

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