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Fear of "Disappearance"

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PERU: Ernesto Rafael CASTILLO PAEZ, 22 (accent on a of Paez)

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Amnesty International is concerned about the situation of sociology student, Ernesto Rafael Castillo Páez.

According to reports, on the morning of 21 October 1990, the above mentioned student was detained by members of the police in Villa El Salvador neighbourhood of Lima. Witnesses of the arrest say that he was forced into a police van and driven away.

Relatives of Ernesto Rafael Castillo Páez immediately went to numerous police stations in Lima but failed to obtain any information on his whereabouts. They then presented a writ of habeas corpus. On 31 October, the judge of the 24th Court in Lima responded to the habeas corpus petition by stating that the student had been detained by the police and that he was taken to the San Juan de Miraflores Police Station. The judge ordered his immediate release. However, police officers at this station refused to admit that Ernersto Rafael Castillo Páez had ever been held in detention there. In spite of the Court's ruling the student's whereabouts remain unknown. There is serious concern for his physical safety.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Also on the same day as Ernesto Rafael Castillo Páez's detention, in Villa El Salvador, the police carried out an operation against members of the armed group Sendero Luminoso, "Shining Path", who on that day had blocked several roads in the neighbourhood and put up a flag display. Four people were detained during this operation, all of whom have been identified by the police.

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 left-wing political parties and members of peasant communities believed to have cooperated with the armed forces.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telexes/telegrams/faxes/airmail letters

- expressing concern that the whereabouts of Ernesto Rafael Castillo Páez remain unknown after his reported detention, mentioning the judge's statement that he had been detained;
- urging that his legal situation be clarified;

- asking that while in detention he be humanely treated and given access to lawyers and relatives.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Peru in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat or your section office if sending appeals after

21 December 1990.