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@ "Disappearances" and extrajudicial executions in the city of Huancayo

Amnesty International is concerned about the "disappearance" of at least 26 students after their reported detention by the security forces during the months of August and September 1992 in the department of Junín. According to reports, at least 19 of the victims were later found dead in circumstances suggesting they may have been extrajudicially executed.

All of the detentions took place in or near the city of Huancayo, Huancayo province, capital of Junín department and all of the victims were students at the *Universidad Nacional del Centro del Perú*, National University of Central Peru, in the city of Huancayo.

Relatives of the majority of the victims have made denunciations to the *Fiscal Especial de Defensoría del Pueblo y Derechos Humanos*, the Public Ministry's Special Provincial Prosecutor for the Defence of the People and Human Rights in Huancayo, in which they indicate responsibility of the police or the armed forces. However, by the end of November no one had been charged with these killings or "disappearances".

According to a radio interview with Father Angel Acuña, a Catholic priest based in the city of Huancayo, this spate of "disappearances" began on 7 August 1992, when the armed forces did a census of the National University in which all students and staff were registered and their photographs taken. Since that date, according to Father Acuña, 30 students have "disappeared" and the tortured and bullet-ridden bodies of 24 of these have been found. In the interview Father Acuña said:

"Y me pregunto, poniendo en riesgo mi vida, ¿es que hay ineficiencia de parte de los miembros del Ejército, es tal su ineficiencia, o es que hay complicidad?"

"I wonder, at the risk of my own life, is there inefficiency in the armed forces, is their inefficiency so great, or is there complicity?"

Father Acuña's plea for an inquiry into these "disappearances" and extrajudicial executions followed numerous reports that the police and army, and a so-called paramilitary group thought to be acting with their support, had been responsible.

In October 1992 Father Acuña received death threats over the telephone from unidentified callers, and in person, from uniformed members of the army who walked into the Huancayo offices of the *Comisión Arquidiocesana de Acción Social*, Diocesan Commission for Social Action, where Father Acuña works. The officer who spoke personally to Father Acuña is reported to have told him that he should desist from calling for an inquiry into the "disappearances" and extrajudicial executions, failing which the army could not guarantee his physical safety and the Commission stood to suffer irreparable damage [for tr: sufriría daños irreparables].

BACKGROUND ON JUNIN DEPARTMENT

The department of Junín is an area under a state of emergency, which is heavily militarised and is one of the areas where the largest number of violations have occurred, particularly in the province of Huancayo, since the government of President Fujimori took office.

Public prosecutors investigating human rights abuses in Huancayo have been threatened and there have been attacks on the Public Ministry office. A provincial prosecutor for human rights who was appointed in December 1990 had her house bombed twice.

ABUSES BY ARMED OPPOSITION GROUPS

Amnesty International has also received reports of abuses committed by the *Partido Comunista del Perú (Sendero Luminoso)*, PCP, Communist Party of Peru (Shining Path), in the department of Junín. For example in May 1991 Sister Irene McCormack, an Australian nun who worked in the village of Huasahuasi, Junín department, was killed with four other villagers. According to press reports, the victims were first subjected to a two-hour mock trial, before being shot in the back of the neck.

In January 1992 the bodies of two students, one of whom was identified as Rolando Yauri Galván, were found on the university campus in Huancayo. They had reportedly been tortured and killed by armed opposition groups.

Atrocities by the PCP, including the execution-like killing of captives, first reported in 1980, continued to be widespread throughout 1992. Since 1983 Amnesty International has repeatedly and firmly condemned the torture and killing of people held captive by the PCP and the *Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru*, MRTA, Túpac

Amaru Revolutionary Movement. Amnesty International condemns and actively opposes the arbitrary and deliberate killing by these groups, of defenceless civilians not directly involved in the armed conflict, and of the killing of members of the security forces who are *hors de combat*, or who have been incapacitated, have surrendered or been detained.

The following table gives the names of the victims which have been reported to Amnesty International.

NAME	CONCERN	AGE	DATE OF ARREST	DATE BODY FOUND
Elizabeth MENDOZA CHOQUE	"Disp"		11 August 1992	-
Edgar CHAGUAYO QUISPE	"Disp"	23	25 August 1992	-
Miguel Angel CIEZA GALVAN	"Disp"	22	25 August 1992	-
Miriam Lidia NAVARRO CONCHA	EJE	21	25 August 1992	5 October 1992
Sócimo CURASMA SULLA	EJE	25	27 August 1992	Late August 1992
Juana ÑAHUI VILCAS	EJE	25	27 August 1992	Late August 1992
Luis Anibal ÑAUPARI TORALVA	EJE	27	27 August 1992	10 September 1992
Flor SALVATIERRA SOTO	EJE		27 August 1992	October 1992
Justiniano Fredy VICENTE RIVERA	EJE	26	7 September 1992	September 1992
Augusto GALINDO PEÑA	"Disp"	26	7 September 1992	-
Peter David COSME URETA	EJE		11 September 1992	September 1992
Eugenio CURASMA SULLA	EJE	28	22 September 1992	September 1992

María SANCHEZ RETAMOZO	EJE	25	22 September 1992	September 1992
Dante GRANADO GOMEZ	EJE	32	23 September 1992	6 October 1992
Johny MARTINEZ QUISPE	"Disp"		23 September 1992	-
Edgard GRANADOS GOMEZ	EJE		25 September 1992	October 1992
Rolando RICSE COLONIO	EJE		28 September 1992	October 1992
Roberto SANTIAGO BRAVO	EJE		28 September 1992	October 1992
Javier GOMEZ GASPAR	"Disp"		28 September 1992	-
Luis Alberto TOCAS VILLANUEVA	EJE		29 September 1992	Ocotber 1992
Cori TENICELA TELLO	"Disp"		29 September 1992	-
Alejandro TUNQUE LIZAMA	EJE	23	September 1992	30 September 1992
Edwin RAMOS CALDERON	EJE		September 1992	September 1992
Gladys ESPINOZA LEON	EJE		September 1992	September 1992
Fernando SAENZ MUNARRIS	EJE		September 1992	September 1992
Hugo PUENTE VEGA	EJE		September 1992	September 1992