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"Disappearance"

PERU: Jorge Enxer PRINCIPE VILLANUEVA

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Amnesty International is concerned about the reported "disappearance" after detention of Jorge Enxer Príncipe Villanueva. He was reportedly detained at 8.30am on 5 July 1990 on block 2 of Avenida Raymondi, city of Tingo María, Leoncio Prado province, Ayacucho department. According to a witness, the detention was carried out by members of the army from the Los Laureles military base, also in Tingo María.

When relatives of Mr Príncipe Villanueva went to the Los Laureles military base, the authorities denied any knowledge of his detention. A denunciation has been made to the Provincial Procurator of Tingo María.

There has been no news of Mr Príncipe's whereabouts since his arrest, leading to fears for his safety.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For the last eight years Amnesty International has received numerous reports of "disappearances" from Peru. Most of them have occurred in rural areas and have been preceded by detentions carried out by uniformed members of the security forces, who refuse to acknowledge the detentions. Many of those detained by the armed forces "disappear" indefinitely; others are released after days or weeks in secret custody, during which time they may be subjected to torture. Sometimes their detention is acknowledged, after prolonged secret detention and interrogation. In these cases detentions are only acknowledged to have occurred as of the date they are transferred from military to police custody, when public prosecutors are informed of them. The armed forces as a rule never acknowledge having held prisoners prior to their transfer to the police. This is a major contributing factor to the continuing practice of "disappearance".

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 about the reported "disappearance" after detention of Jorge Enxer Príncipe Villanueva;
- 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
 19 October 1990.