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Fear of Torture

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PERU: Constantino SAAVEDRA MUÑOZ

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Amnesty International is concerned about the reported detention by members of the army of agricultural trade union leader Constantino Saavedra Muñoz.

According to reports, Constantino Saavedra Muñoz, secretary of the Agrarian Federation of Ayacucho was detained by soldiers on 1 October 1990 at 10am at his home in Ayacucho. He was taken to the Los Cabitos military barracks where he is being held incommunicado. The reports received indicate that Constantino Saavedra was detained following a denunciation made against him by a group of montoneros, a civil defence group organized by the army of the region. They denounced him as being involved in the activities of the Shining Path armed group.

There are serious fears that Constantino Saavedra may be subjected to torture while held incommunicado at the Los Cabitos army base. He is in his mid-forties, married and has four children.

In July 1987 Amnesty International initiated an urgent action on his behalf (AI Index: AMR 46/32/87) following his reported "disappearance". His detention was unacknowledged for five days. After his release he had a fractured arm, back injuries and injuries produced by cigarette burns, all of which he claimed were the result of the treatment received during his detention.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:**

- expressing concern at the reported arrest and incommunicado detention of trade union leader Constantino Saavedra Muñoz;
- asking that all the necessary measures be taken to ensure his physical well-being and that he has access to lawyers, medical doctor and relatives;
- asking that he be either unconditionally released or charged with a recognizably criminal offence and promptly brought to court.

**APPEALS TO**

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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 15 November 1990.