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Fortunato Graciano SUMINA TACO
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In March 1996, Amnesty International issued an appeal for the release of two Peruvian doctors—Nery Fermín Medina Quispé and Fortunato Graciano Sumina Taco—who had been imprisoned since September 1992 on charges laid under Peru's anti-terrorism legislation. Amnesty International believed the charges against them were without grounds and adopted both doctors as prisoners of conscience.

AI recently learned that both doctors were released on 7 December 1996 after a presidential pardon. The organization remains concerned at aspects of the pardon. In AI's view, prisoners' sentences should also be reviewed and they should be compensated for their arbitrary detention. No further action is required by network members for the time being.

Thank you to all those who appealed for the doctors' release.