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"Disappearance"

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PERU:

Ana Rosario CELIS LAUREANO, aged 16, female

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Amnesty International is concerned to have recently learned about the reported "disappearance" of 16-year-old Ana Rosario Celis Laureano, from Huacho, province of Huacha, Lima department.

According to witnesses, on 13 August 1992, at 1 a.m., Ana Rosario Celis was taken away from her grandfather's house, in Huacho, by four hooded men, at least one of them wearing army uniform and boots. The reports further indicate that she was driven away in a blue van. Several people witnessed this incident.

On 21 June 1992, Ana Rosario had been detained by members of the army in Ambar, a village near Huacho for her alleged links with the Partido Comunista del Peru, Sendero Luminoso, PCP, the Communist Party of Peru, Shining Path. On her way to Huacho, the army vehicle in which she was travelling had an accident and for this reason she was not brought to the *Policía Técnica*, the investigative police, until 14 July. On 5 August she was brought before the court of Huacho, and the judge ordered her provisional release into the custody of her grandfather.

Shortly after her abduction, the grandfather denounced the abduction to the provincial attorney of Huacho and they both inspected all local police and army stations but were unable to obtain any information on the girl's whereabouts.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

President Fujimori and his government assumed power on 28 July 1990. The government inherited a legacy of gross human rights violations dating back to January 1983, including thousands of cases of "disappearance" and extrajudicial execution. In his inaugural speech the President stated that his government would fully respect human rights. On a number of subsequent occasions President Fujimori and representatives of his government have repeated that pledge. However, according to the cases documented by Amnesty International, since 28 July 1990 there have been thousands of cases of "disappearances" after arrest and extrajudicial executions. A significant number of these cases refer to minors.

Human rights violations occur in the context of the government's counter-insurgency operations directed against the clandestine armed opposition groups Partido Comunista del Perú, (Sendero Luminoso), PCP, Communist Party of Peru (Shining Path) and the Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru, (MRTA), Túpac Amaru Revolutionary Movement. Amnesty International is concerned about and condemns the deliberate and arbitrary killing by the armed opposition of defenceless civilians not directly involved in the internal conflict and of members of the security forces who have laid down their arms

and those placed *hors de combat* by sickness, wounds, detention or any other cause.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes and airmail letters either in Spanish or in your own language:**

- expressing concern at the reported "disappearance" of Ana Rosario Celis Laureano following her abduction on 13 August 1992 apparently by the security forces;
- urging that her whereabouts and legal situation be immediately clarified;

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- asking that while in detention she be humanely treated and given access to an independent lawyer, doctor, relatives and a representative from the Public Ministry, and that special consideration be taken of her age.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) President:

Presidente Alberto Fujimori  
Presidente de la República  
Palacio de Gobierno  
Plaza de Armas  
Lima 1, PERU

**Telegrams: Presidente Fujimori, Lima, Peru**

**Telexes: 20167 PE PALACIO**

**Salutation: Señor Presidente / Dear President**

2) Minister of Defence:

General EP Victor Malca Villanueva  
Ministro de Defensa  
Ministerio de Defensa  
Avenida Boulevard s/n  
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Lima 33, PERU

**Telegrams: Ministro Defensa Villanueva, Lima, Peru**

**Telexes: 25438 PE COMGREGJ**

**Salutation: Señor Ministro / Dear Minister**

3) Minister of the Interior :

General EP Juan Briones Dávila  
Ministro del Interior  
Ministerio del Interior  
Plaza 30 de Agosto 150  
San Isidro  
Urb. Córpac  
Lima 27, PERU

**Telegrams: Ministro Interior Briones, Lima, Peru**

**Telexes: 21133 PE OCMI/21697**

**Salutation: Señor Ministro/Dear Minister**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

Human Rights Organization

Señores  
Centro de Estudios y Acción para la Paz  
CEAPAZ  
Costa Rica 150  
Jesús María

Lima 11, PERU

and to diplomatic representatives of Peru accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat or your section office, if sending appeals after 22 October 1992.