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"Disappearance"

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**PERU: Victor LAVADO OLIVERA
Juan Hugo LAVADO OLIVERA**

Amnesty International is concerned at reports of the "disappearance" after detention by members of the armed forces of two brothers, named above.

According to reports, at lam. on 6 April 1990, a group of five hooded armed soldiers burst into the house of Victor and Juan Hugo Lavado Olivera, in Jauja, Junín province. They searched the house, seized university texts, and beat the Lavado brothers. They were then driven away, with their hands tied, in an army truck. The incident was witnessed by their mother and sister. When relatives of Víctor and Juan Hugo Lavado tried to obtain information on their whereabouts, the army authorities refused to acknowledge their detention.

Victor Lavado is a 44-year-old economist and lecturer in the Faculty of Economics at the Universidad del Centro, Central University in Jauja, and a member of the United Left political coalition. Juan Hugo Lavado is a 41-year-old carpenter, known locally as a football coach.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The armed forces in the emergency zones under political-military command (as is the case with Junín) persistently deny holding prisoners at any military installation in the areas under their command. Many suspects detained by the armed forces "disappear" indefinitely; others are released after days or weeks in secret custody without explanation or formal recognition by the armed forces that the detention ever took place. Sometimes suspects are turned over to the police after prolonged secret detention and interrogation at military installations. In these cases detentions are only acknowledged to have occurred as of the date they appear in 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, particularly "Sendero Luminoso", which has claimed responsibility for hundreds of execution-style killings of government officials as well as leaders of left-wing political parties who criticize the actions of this group.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/airmail letters:

- expressing concern at the reported "disappearance" after detention of Victor and Juan Hugo Lavado Olivera;

urging that their legal situation be clarified;

urging that while in detention they be humanely treated and granted access to relatives and a lawyer.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 May 1990.