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Torture

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Fidel INTUSCA FERNANDEZ

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Amnesty International is concerned about reports of the alleged detention and torture of Fidel Intusca Fernandez, a driver from a mine in San Juan de Lucanas, Ayacucho department.

According to reports, he was detained on 6 August 1990 by a group of hooded soldiers who took him to the military base of Puquio, where he was said to have been severely tortured. However, he managed to escape a few days later.

His detention and torture has been denounced to both military and civilian authorities, and to the press, by the Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos, the Association for Human Rights and by members of parliament. Guarantees for the safety of Fidel Intusca, his family and fellow workers have been requested.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On 2 August 1990 at 10.00pm some thirty unknown men broke into the mine of San Juan de Lucanas and forced the workers to load a lorry with explosives.

At about 1.00am, when the lorry was loaded, the armed men forced Fidel Intusca to drive the lorry out of the camp. He was later set free and allowed to return to the mine in the lorry.

On 6 August he and another worker received a notification from the military base of Puquio that they should make a statement about the event. They did this, accompanied by two leaders of the Mining Union and two representatives of the company. After making their statement, all six mining employees set off back to the mine. However, on their return Fidel Intusca was reported to have been detained by hooded and armed soldiers, while his colleagues were allowed to continue on foot.

He subsequently claimed to have escaped from the military base and reported having been severely tortured. In his testimony before the press he related in detail his detention and torture, including being hung from the ceiling and being submerged in water until he was almost unconscious. He was also reportedly burned on the neck and back, beaten with the soldiers' weapons, trampled on and was threatened with death.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telexes/telegrams/airmail letters:

- expressing concern at the reported detention and torture of Fidel Intusca Fernandez by the armed forces;

- asking for a full and independent inquiry into the allegation of torture, that the nature of the findings be made public and, should the allegation be substantiated, that those responsible be brought to justice;

- asking that all the necessary measures be taken to ensure the safety of Fidel Intusca Fernandez and his family.

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and to diplomatic representatives of PERU in your country.

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