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"Disappearances"

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**and Esteban ARMAS CUEVA (aged 23)
Máximo FERNÁNDEZ ARMAS (aged 25)**

Amnesty International is concerned about the reported "disappearance" of the first nineteen people listed above from the Community of Chucupata or Chuquipata, Alto Cunas region in the department of Junín. They were reportedly detained by members of the Peruvian army at 9.00am on 26 March 1990.

According to reports they were taken to the Asac-Bellavista military base, but when their relatives tried to make enquiries, their detention was denied.

Also in the Junín department, on 21 February 1990 at 11.00pm Esteban Amras Cueva and Máximo Fernández Armas were reportedly detained, again by members of the Peruvian army. They were allegedly taken from the village of Pío Pata, El Tambo district, Huancayo province, to the Quartel 9 de Diciembre. Their detention is also being denied by the authorities.

Both the above cases have been denounced to the Attorney General and to the Political-Military Command.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The armed forces in the emergency zones under political-military command (as in 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 the 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 the above-mentioned people (mention may be made that the first nineteen are believed to be held at the Acac-Bellavista military barracks and that Esteban Armas Cueva and Máximo Fernández Armas are believed to be held at the Cuartel 9 de Diciembre);

- 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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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 May 1990.