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- JANUARY 1993

REFS: A) LIMA 835, B) LIMA 1493,  
- C) 92 LIMA 7204 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY: DURING JANUARY 1993, AN ESTIMATED  
217 PERSONS WERE KILLED IN 212 TERRORISM-RELATED  
INCIDENTS, INCLUDING AT LEAST 46 PRESUMED

SUBVERSIVES. AS YET, HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORT NO DISAPPEARANCES OR EXTRA-JUDICIAL EXECUTIONS ATTRIBUTABLE TO GOVERNMENT FORCES IN JANUARY 1993; THE PUBLIC MINISTRY REPORTS 5 DISAPPEARANCES. THE LACK OF REPORTED GOP VIOLATIONS (DISAPPEARANCES AND EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS) IN JANUARY RESULTED IN AN AVERAGE MONTHLY DECLINE OF 44 PERCENT WHEN COMPARED TO THE BENCHMARK JANUARY-JULY 1991 PERIOD. (JANUARY-JULY 1991 IS A REPRESENTATIVE BENCHMARK PERIOD THAT PRECEDED A MAJOR SPEECH BY PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WHICH COMMITTED THE GOP TO HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS AND A DROP IN VIOLATIONS ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT FORCES.) TERRORIST ASSASSINATED 57 PERSONS IN JANUARY 1993, ACCORDING TO HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS.

2. LIMA (AGAIN) SUFFERED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN JANUARY, LARGELY DUE TO A SENDERO LUMINOSO ARMED STRIKE AIMED AT UNDERMINING NATIONAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, BUT  
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THESE ATTACKS CAUSED RELATIVELY FEW CASUALTIES. THE MOST DANGEROUS REGIONS REMAINED PERU'S COCA AND GUERRILLA-PLAGUED JUNGLE REGION (ESPECIALLY THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY) AND THE SOUTH-CENTRAL ANDES. END SUMMARY.

#### INTRODUCTION

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3. THIS REPORT ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH THE TRENDS IN PERU'S PERVASIVE POLITICAL VIOLENCE BY DRAWING ON SEVERAL WELL-ESTABLISHED VIOLENCE DATA BANKS, INCLUDING THOSE OF:

- "CONSTITUTION AND SOCIETY," THE FORMER PERUVIAN CONGRESS' COMMISSION ON PACIFICATION, HEADED BY UNHRC CHAIRMAN ENRIQUE BERNALES;
- THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS' OFFICE, HEADED BY CLODOMIRO CHAVEZ;
- THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS;
- DESCO, A PROMINENT THINK TANK; AND,
- EMBASSY IN-HOUSE TRACKING OF VIOLENCE.

THE VARIETY OF EMBASSY SOURCES ENHANCES ACCURACY OF REPORTED TRENDS, BUT DATA REMAIN SHAKY. VIOLENCE INFORMATION AND DATA ABOUT PERU IS IMPERFECT AND SOFT.

SENDERO TARGETS MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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4. IN JANUARY, SENDERO'S MAIN THRUST WAS AIMED AT DISRUPTING NATION-WIDE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS THROUGH THE SELECTIVE ASSASSINATION OF CANDIDATES AND ENFORCED "ARMED STRIKES" (PARO ARMADOS), PRIMARILY IN LIMA AND THE ANDEAN HIGHLANDS AROUND AYACUCHO, CALLED SHORTLY BEFORE THE JANUARY 29 VOTE. THE ARMED STRIKES AND THE ASSASSINATIONS OF SOME 30 CANDIDATES HAD ONLY A NEGLIGIBLE IMPACT ON THE ELECTIONS. UNLIKE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN 1989, WHEN GUERRILLA PRESSURE PREVENTED ELECTIONS IN OVER 492 DISTRICTS, SENDERO TERROR TACTICS WERE AT BEST SUCCESSFUL IN

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DISRUPTING ELECTIONS IN LESS THAN 25 DISTRICTS.  
HOWEVER, SENDERO ONCE AGAIN RESORTED TO SPECTACULAR  
CAR BOMBS IN JANUARY, WITH A 300 KILO CAR BOMB  
TARGETED AGAINST LIMA'S IBM HEADQUARTERS THAT  
NARROWLY MISSED CAUSING ANY DEATHS.

5. THE LESS ACTIVE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY  
MOVEMENT (MRTA) MADE A BRIEF REAPPEARANCE ON THE  
FRONT PAGES WITH ITS JANUARY 8 TAKE-OVER OF  
MOYOBAMBA, THE LARGEST CITY IN SAN MARTIN  
DEPARTMENT. AT LEAST 10 PERSONS WERE KILLED BEFORE  
THE ARMY'S ARRIVAL SOME SIX HOURS LATER CAUSED MRTA  
TO WITHDRAW. AMONG THE MRTA'S FEW OTHER SIGNIFICANT  
OPERATIONS WAS THE JANUARY 17 FIRING OF A ROCKET-TYPE  
DEVICE AT A LIMA U.S.-PERUVIAN BI-NATIONAL CENTER,  
CAUSING ONLY SLIGHT MATERIAL DAMAGE.

DISAPPEARANCES REMAIN LOW  
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6. THE FOLLOWING CHART PROVIDES DATA ON DISAPPEARANCES AS PROVIDED BY THE TWO PRIMARY SOURCES: THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE PUBLIC MINISTRY'S NATIONAL SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. "GROSS DENUNCIATIONS" REFERS TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DISAPPEARANCE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE SOURCES, WHILE "NET DISAPPEARANCES" REFERS TO THE NUMBER OF REPORTED DISAPPEARANCES STILL UNRESOLVED.

GROSS DENUNCIATIONS/NET DISAPPEARANCES  
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	1992		PUBLIC MINISTRY	
	COORDINADORA DENUNC.	NET	DENUNC.	NET
AUG:	32	10	43	31
SEP:	25	11	27	16
OCT:	17	7	28	17
NOV:	6	4	12	2
DEC:	1	1	4	3
TOTAL:	285	178	480	282

	1993			
	DENUNC.	NET	DENUNC.	NET
JAN:	0	0	7	5

7. THE COORDINADORA AND THE PUBLIC MINISTRY CONSTANTLY UPDATE THEIR PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MONTHLY FIGURES AS NEW DENUNCIATIONS OF PRIOR DISAPPEARANCES ARE MADE AND SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTIONS OF PREVIOUS DISAPPEARANCES OCCUR. USERS ARE CAUTIONED THAT DATA ON DISAPPEARANCES ARE UNDER CONSTANT REVISION AND SUBJECT TO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. ONLY THE MOST RECENT DATA HAVE RELEVANCE AND ARE STILL SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THE COORDINADORA RECOMMENDED RELYING MORE ON PUBLIC MINISTRY DISAPPEARANCE FIGURES AS IT CONTINUED HAVING DIFFICULTIES WITH ITS SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON DISAPPEARANCES.

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COMPARATIVE LEVELS OF VIOLENCE

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8. THE VIOLENCE MONITORING GROUP, "CONSTITUTION  
AND SOCIETY" (FORMERLY SENATOR BERNALES'  
COMMISSION ON PACIFICATION AND VIOLENCE)  
REPORTED THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS ON LEVELS OF  
VIOLENCE FOR JANUARY 1993:

DEATHS BY VICTIMS/NUMBER OF INCIDENTS: BERNALES  
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	JANUARY			TOTALS		
-	93	92	91	93	92	91
TERRS.:	46	83	35	46	1155	1522
MILIT.:	20	31	8	20	247	156
POLICE:	28	9	24	28	208	178
RONDERO:	15	32	4	15	260	174
CAMPES:	24	25	27	24	414	476
OTHERS:	84	57	40	84	817	674
TOTAL:	217	237	138	217	3101	3180
INCIDENT:	212	82	93	212	1634	1656

9. THE FOLLOWING CHART GIVES AN IDEA OF WHO IS DOING THE KILLING, SPECIFICALLY POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS AND EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS.

POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS/EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS  
 BY AUTHOR: COORDINADORA

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 1993 1992 1993 1992  
 JAN JAN YTD FINAL

SENDERO	:	57	35	57	688
MRTA	:	4	1	4	12
TERRS NFI	:	6	0	6	27
POLICE/MILIT:		0	4	0	114
PARAMILITARY:		0	5	0	10
RONDEROS	:	0	0	0	3
UNKNOWN	:	0	4	0	118

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TOTALS	:	67	49	67	972
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10. COMMENT: THE BERNALES CHART (DEATHS BY VICTIMS/NO. OF INCIDENTS) INCLUDES ALL DEATHS -- INCLUDING DEATHS IN COMBAT ENGAGEMENTS -- WHEREAS THE COORDINADORA'S CHART (ASSASSINATIONS/ EXTRA-JUDICIAL MURDERS) SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDES DEATHS REPORTED TO HAVE OCCURRED IN "ARMED ENGAGEMENTS," WHETHER BY GOVERNMENT FORCES, CIVILIANS, OR "PRESUMED SUBVERSIVES." THUS THE TOTALS ON THE TWO CHARTS ARE NOT COMPARABLE, DUE TO DIFFERENT SOURCES AND ACCOUNTING METHODS; DATA FROM BERNALES AND THE COORDINADORA MAY BE COMBINED FOR ANALYTICAL PURPOSES ONLY WITH GREAT CARE.

11. THE COORDINADORA HAS NO REPORTS AS YET OF ANY DISAPPEARANCES OR EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS BY SECURITY FORCES, SELF DEFENSE GROUPS, OR PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS FOR JANUARY 1993. IN 1992, AN AVERAGE OF 10.6 MONTHLY EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS WERE ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT AND RELATED FORCES. THERE WERE 57 ASSASSINATIONS ATTRIBUTED TO TERRORISTS IN JANUARY 1993. END COMMENT.

CHANGE IN NET BALANCE OF ABUSES BY GOP FORCES  
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12. THESE FIGURES SHOW THAT:

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-- DISAPPEARANCES ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES DURING THE EIGHTEEN MONTH PERIOD OF AUGUST 1991-JANUARY 1993 (NUMBERING 249) DECREASED BY AN AVERAGE OF 18.9 PER MONTH WHEN COMPARED TO A BENCHMARK SEVEN MONTH JANUARY-JULY 1991 PERIOD (DURING WHICH THERE WERE 229 REPORTED DISAPPEARANCES).

-- EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT FORCES FOR THE SAME EIGHTEEN MONTH PERIOD OF AUGUST 1991-JANUARY 1993 (160) WAS

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HIGHER BY AN AVERAGE OF 1.3 PER MONTH WHEN  
COMPARED TO THE SEVEN MONTH JANUARY-JULY 1991  
(53) BENCHMARK PERIOD.

-- TOTAL DISAPPEARANCES AND EXTRA-JUDICIAL  
KILLINGS ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT FORCES DROPPED  
FROM 282 (AVERAGE PER MONTH - 40.3) IN  
JANUARY-JULY 1991 TO 409 FOR AUGUST 1991-JANUARY  
1993 (AVERAGE PER MONTH - 22.7). THUS, TOTAL  
EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES  
ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT FORCES DROPPED BY AN  
AVERAGE OF 17.6 PER MONTH, COMPARING THE TWO  
PERIODS. THIS REPRESENTS A 44 PERCENT DECLINE  
IN AVERAGE MONTHLY ABUSES BY GOVERNMENT FORCES  
COMPARING THE TWO PERIODS -- USING THE  
COORDINADORA'S FIGURES.

-- INCLUDING EXECUTIONS ATTRIBUTED TO  
PARAMILITARY GROUPS AND RONDAS, THERE IS A NET  
AVERAGE MONTHLY IMPROVEMENT OF 41 PERCENT  
COMPARING THE TWO PERIODS.

LETHALITY INDEX: BERNALES/DESCO  
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13. USING BERNALES COMMISSION REPORT FIGURES  
FOR THE NUMBER OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN WITH  
DESCO STATISTICS FOR THE NUMBER OF DEATHS IN  
TERRORIST-RELATED INCIDENTS BROKEN DOWN IN-HOUSE

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 BY REGION -- WE CAN CONSTRUCT A LETHALITY INDEX  
 OF DEATHS PER INCIDENT WHICH REFLECTS THE  
 RELATIVE INTENSITY OF VIOLENCE BY REGION.

REGIONS	INCDNTS	DEATHS	LETHALITY
1993	JAN	JAN	JAN
LIMA-METRO :	114	32	.28
SELVA (JUNGLE):	11	76	6.9
SIERRA (HIGHLANDS):	66	39	.59
OTHER; COASTAL:	21	10	.48
TOTALS :	212	157	.73

14. COMMENT: METROPOLITAN LIMA SUFFERED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF REPORTED TERRORIST INCIDENTS OF ANY REGION, BUT THESE CAUSED RELATIVELY FEW CASUALTIES. THE JUNGLE AND ANDEAN MOUNTAIN REGIONS SHARED THE DUBIOUS HONOR IN JANUARY OF BEING THE DEADLIEST REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY. INCIDENTS IN LIMA ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE REPORTED THAN THOSE IN THE SIERRA AND THE JUNGLE, DUE PRIMARILY TO DIFFICULTIES INVOLVING DISTANCE AND LACK OF COMMUNICATION, BUT ALSO A LACK OF INDEPENDENT HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS IN REMOTE AREAS. SINCE THE "LETHALITY" INDEX ABOVE MIXES DATA FROM TWO VERY DIFFERENT SOURCES, ITS FIGURES MUST BE REGARDED MUCH MORE TENTATIVELY THAN FIGURES GIVEN ELSEWHERE. END COMMENT.

LEVELS OF VIOLENCE: DEATHS AND INCIDENTS  
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 15. BELOW IS A SIX MONTH COMPARATIVE CHART OF THE DATA COLLECTED FROM THE BERNALES COMMISSION REPORT; THE DESCO/HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY; AND EMBASSY'S TRACKING EFFORT. THIS IS OFFERED TO ALLOW A COMPARISON OF THE LARGE RANGE OF DATA AVAILABLE ON TWO KEY LEVELS OF VIOLENCE INDICES,

NUMBER OF DEATHS AND NUMBER OF TERRORIST RELATED INCIDENTS:

			1992		
		BERNALES	DESCO	EMBASSY	
AUG	DEAD	: 267	173	205	

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	INCDTS:	144	117	105	
SEP	DEAD :	221	165	89	
	INCDTS:	182	149	91	
OCT	DEAD :	247	175	181	
	INCDTS:	146	125	152	
NOV	DEAD :	298	254	176	
	INCDTS:	217	272	147	
DEC	DEAD :	261	88	120	
	INCDTS:	170	167	83	
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TOTAL	DEAD :	3101	2633	1486	PARTIAL
	INCDTS:	1634	1956	977	PARTIAL

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		BERNALES	DESCO	EMBASSY
JAN	DEAD :	217	157	129
	INCDTS:	212	154	124

16. COMMENT: SENDERO LUMINOSO'S ATTEMPTS TO DISRUPT NATION-WIDE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON JANUARY 29 LARGELY FAILED, DESPITE SOME LOCALIZED SUCCESS OF ITS ENFORCED "ARMED STRIKE" IN LIMA AND THE SOUTH CENTRAL ANDES AND A SPATE OF SELECTIVE ASSASSINATIONS AGAINST MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES. SENDERO'S ARMED STRIKE AND ACTIONS ELSEWHERE SHOWED SL RETAINS MUCH OF ITS MILITARY CAPABILITY, BUT IS STILL NOT AS EFFECTIVE AS IT WAS BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER CAPTURE OF SENDERO FOUNDER/LEADER ABIMAELE GUZMAN AND OTHER SENIOR

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