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## TEXT:

[FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT] LA PAZ, 16 FEB (EFE) -- THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ON 16 FEBRUARY THAT JUAN CARLOS CABALLERO VELASQUEZ, THE MILITARY CHIEF OF THE SPECIAL FORCES OF THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) OF PERU, WAS ARRESTED DURING AN OPERATION CARRIED OUT AT 1800 (2200 GMT) ON 16 FEBRUARY.

CABALLERO'S DETENTION WAS ANNOUNCED BY MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT CARLOS SANCHEZ BERZAIN, WHO EMPHASIZED THAT THIS ACTION REPRESENTS THE DISMANTLING OF AN MRTA CELL THAT HAD ESTABLISHED ITSELF IN BOLIVIA AND HAD CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR KIDNAPPING CEMENT ENTREPRENEUR SAMUEL DORIA MEDINA ON 1 NOVEMBER.

MINISTER SANCHEZ ANNOUNCED THAT CABALLERO WAS DETAINED AT A HOUSE ON BRASIL AVENUE IN THE POSH DISTRICT OF MIRAFLORES.

IN ADDITION TO DETAINING CABALLERO, WHO HAD BEEN WANTED SINCE DORIA MEDINA'S RELEASE ON 16 DECEMBER, THE BOLIVIAN POLICE REPORTED THAT THEY DISCOVERED THE AUTOMOBILE USED IN THE ENTREPRENEUR'S KIDNAPPING AND ANOTHER VEHICLE THAT HAD BEEN PURCHASED WITH THE RANSOM MONEY PAID BY THE KIDNAPPED ENTREPRENEUR'S RELATIVES.

AS EVIDENCE OF CABALLERO'S DETENTION, THE DETAINEE WAS PRESENTED TO JOURNALISTS TODAY. THE PERUVIAN TERRORIST ENTERED THE MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT'S PRESS ROOM AND, MAKING THE "V" SIGN OF VICTORY WITH HIS FINGERS, CHAMPIONED HIS ARMED STRUGGLE. HE FIERCELY UTTERED: "LONG LIVE THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. AS LONG AS MISERY AND HUNGER PREVAIL IN OUR COUNTRY, THE STRUGGLE WILL BE PURSUED."

CABALLERO ADDED THAT THE MRTA HAS NOTHING AGAINST BOLIVIA OR THE BOLIVIAN PEOPLE. AFTERWARD, HE WAS ESCORTED OUTSIDE THE ROOM.

MINISTER SANCHEZ INDICATED THAT CABALLERO HAD MASTERMINDED ALL THE MRTA ACTIONS BOTH IN PERU AND IN BOLIVIA.

MINISTER SANCHEZ EMPHASIZED THAT CABALLERO'S ARREST REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT HEADWAY IN DISMANTLING THE MRTA IN BOLIVIA AND A SIGNIFICANT BLOW TO THE TERRORISM IMPLEMENTED BY THIS ILLEGAL MOVEMENT.

MINISTER SANCHEZ EMPHASIZED THE "HIGH LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM" OF THE NATIONAL POLICE. HE CONGRATULATED ALL NATIONAL POLICE MEMBERS BY CONGRATULATING NATIONAL POLICE COMMANDER GENERAL WILLY ARRIAZA.

MINISTER SANCHEZ NOTED THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THIS CASE WOULD PROCEED. HE ANNOUNCED THE POSSIBILITY OF DELIVERING TO THE JOURNALISTS A MORE SPECIFIC REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS ON 21 FEBRUARY.

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