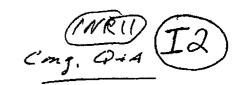
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## TERRORIST THREAT IN PERU

- Q. 44) Does the hostage taking incident in Lima, Peru represent a resurgence of what had been viewed as a declining terrorism threat? This attack was directed against a Japanese diplomatic facility, but Americans are usually a more inviting target. Have we taken steps to assess whether US facilities in Lima and elsewhere in Latin America need enhanced security? Can we achieve adequate security in urban environments?
- RESIDENCE BY MEMBERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT TUPAC

  AMARU (MRTA) WAS CLEARLY A SETBACK FOR PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S

  COUNTERTERRORISM POLICY, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE INCIDENT

  PORTENDS A RESURGENCE OF TERRORISM IN PERU. BOTH MRTA AND

  PERU'S LARGER TERRORIST GROUP, THE SHINING PATH, ARE MUCH

  WEAKER OVERALL THAN THEY WERE SEVERAL YEARS AGO. YES, A

  REVIEW OF SECURITY IN ARA EMBASSIES HAS TAKEN PLACE. TOTAL

  SECURITY IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT OUR NEW EMBASSIES, BOTH IN LIMA

  AND BOGOTA, PROVIDE ENHANCED SAFEGUARDS AND ARE BOTH ON THE

  OUTSKIRTS OF THE CAPITALS TO PROVIDE BETTER PROTECTION.

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