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SUBJ: PERU: INCREASE IN TERRORIST VIOLENCE. (U)

DOI: 25 NOV 88 (AS OF 1900 EST)

TEXT: 1. THE NATION IS EXPERIENCING A MAJOR SURGE IN TERRORIST-RELATED VIOLENCE, AND 160 FATALITIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED THUS FAR THIS MONTH.

2. BOMBINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS HAVE OCCURRED IN SEVERAL PROVINCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING CAJAMARCA, AYACUCHO, LIMA, HUANCVELICA, JUNIN, AND LA LIBERTAD. ON 13 NOVEMBER THE SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) INSURGENT GROUP REPORTEDLY KIDNAPED 20 HUANCAYO FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS, AND THEIR WHEREABOUTS IS STILL UNDETERMINED. IN AYACUCHO ON THE 14TH, THE SL ATTACKED A BUS CARRYING 40 PEOPLE, KILLING 12. ACCORDING TO A MILITARY COMMUNIQUE, 7 MILITARY AND 15 SL MEMBERS WERE KILLED IN A CLASH ON THE 20TH BETWEEN GOVERNMENT TROOPS AND GUERRILLAS.

3. ON THE 21ST, PRESS REPORTS STATED THAT ABOUT 100 TERRORISTS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ATTACKED THE TOWN OF COTAHUASI, THE CAPITAL OF LA UNION PROVINCE. THE NEWS ACCOUNTS SAID THAT THE TERRORISTS, WHO DESTROYED PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND BANKS, KILLED AT LEAST FIVE PEOPLE. ON THE 22D, TERRORISTS LAUNCHED AN ASSAULT ON THE ANTITERRORIST DIRECTORATE BUILDING IN LIMA, CAUSING DAMAGE BUT NO KNOWN CASUALTIES. THE BUILDING WAS HIT BY TWO RIFLE-FIRED ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES.

4. (U) PRESS REPORTS ALSO CLAIMED THAT LAST MONTH 13 COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS WERE CAPTURED BY THE SL AND WERE TORTURED AND MURDERED IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY (UHV). THE SL MUTILATED THE CORPSES AND DUMPED THEM ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH HIGHWAY, WHICH BISECTS THE UHV. THE ACTION WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN IN RETALIATION FOR THE MURDER OF 10 SL MEMBERS BY COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS EARLIER LAST MONTH.

5. (U) ACCORDING TO LATE PRESS REPORTS, A SERIOUS CLASH BETWEEN SL GUERRILLAS AND GOVERNMENT FORCES TOOK PLACE ON 23 NOVEMBER IN AUCAYACU, NORTHEAST OF LIMA. IN THE FIREFIGHT, 40 GOVERNMENT TROOPS AND 100 GUERRILLAS WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED.

6. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IF CONFIRMED, THE CLASH IN AUCAYACU WOULD BE ONE OF THE MORE SERIOUS GOVERNMENT-GUERRILLA CLASHES IN RECENT TIMES. PRESS REPORTS STATED THAT PRESIDENT GARCIA MAY VISIT THE SITE OF THE CLASH, UNDERSCORING THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE ATTACK IS VIEWED. THE SL ASSAULT ON THE BUS IN AYACUCHO MAY HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE BECAUSE THE SIX POLICEMEN WHO WERE THE INTENDED VICTIMS HAD GOTTEN OFF THE BUS SHORTLY BEFORE THE ATTACK.

7. [REDACTED] MUCH OF THE ACTIVITY HAD APPARENTLY TAKEN PLACE AWAY FROM THE CAPITAL, SUGGESTING THE CENTER OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY IS SHIFTING FROM THE CITY TO THE COUNTRYSIDE. NONETHELESS, TERRORIST-RELATED DEATHS THIS MONTH SEEMS TO BE HEADING TOWARD A RECORD. THUS FAR, 1,213 DEATHS LINKED TO INSURGENT VIOLENCE HAVE BEEN REPORTED THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 514 FOR 1987 AND 646 FOR 1986. THE RECENT GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW, STRINGENT AUSTERITY MEASURES, WILL MOST LIKELY SPARK WIDESPREAD PUBLIC DISORDER, AND PERUVIAN GUERRILLAS MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DEMONSTRATIONS TO FURTHER THEIR VIOLENT AIMS.

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