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1. (LOU) SUMMARY: POLITICAL VIOLENCE CONTINUED UNABATED -- AND IN MANY FORMS -- THROUGHOUT PERU IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JUNE. THREE RULING PARTY (APRA) OFFICIALS WERE ASSASSINATED IN SEPARATE ATTACKS. SENDERO LUMINDSO (SL) GUERRILLAS PUBLICLY EXECUTED FORTY-FIVE PEASANT LEADERS IN THREE RURAL SETTLEMENTS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TWENTY-ONE SL GUERRILLAS WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED

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IN TWO CLASHES WITH THE PERUVIAN ARMY, POSSIBLY INCLUDING DAVID DROSCO TELLO (AKA, "COMRADE MERINO"); REPORTEDLY SL'S THIRD-RANKING COMMANDER. REFTTEL REPORTED THE BOMBING OF A BUS OF PRESIDENTIAL HONOR GUARDS AND THE ASSASSINATION OF PERU'S LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALIST BY SL. THE JUNE 12 BOMBING OF THE LIMA OFFICES OF THE PRO-SL NEWSWEEKLY, "EL DIARIO", (NO CASUALTIES) TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL. THE RECENT INCREASED NUMBER OF PUBLIC DAYTIME EXECUTIONS BY SL MORE LIKELY REFLECTS A RISE IN SL SELF-CONFIDENCE IN SPECIFIC ZONES OF ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING LIMA) THAN ANY CHANGE IN TACTICS. INFORMATION REPORTED DERIVES FROM UNCLASSIFIED; OPEN SOURCE REPORTING.  
END SUMMARY.

2. APRA OFFICIALS KILLED:

TWO APRA MAYORS AND AN APRA AGRARIAN OFFICIAL DIED IN SEPARATE ATTACKS. CESAR ZAPATA CASTILLO, THE 63-YEAR OLD MAYOR OF AUCAYACU (HUANUCO DEPARTMENT) WAS SHOT JUNE 8 BY THREE ATTACKERS ARMED WITH REVOLVERS. AS HE STEPPED OUT OF A RESTAURANT NEAR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING HE WAS SHOT NUMEROUS TIMES IN THE BACK. FRIENDS OF ZAPATA REPORT THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED THREATS FROM SENDERO TO QUIT HIS OFFICE. AUCAYACU IS A JUNGLE TOWNSHIP IN THE SOUTHERN UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY.

3. THE SAME DAY, THE DIRECTOR OF AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT AGRARIAN UNIT NUMBER 18, WILFREDO  
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HERMOSA BERMEJO, WAS SHOT TWICE IN THE HEAD AND KILLED BY TWO HOODED ATTACKERS, PRESUMED TO BE SL. HIS BODY REMAINED ON THE STREET OUTSIDE HIS HOUSE FOR SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE POLICE REMOVED IT.

4. EDGARDO REYES BOLIVAR, THE APRA MAYOR OF SUPE TOWNSHIP (IN LIMA'S BARRANCA PROVINCE), WAS SHOT AND KILLED JUNE 12 BY A THREE-PERSON SL HIT SQUAD. IN FULL VIEW OF NUMEROUS WITNESSES,

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TWO MEN AND A WOMAN REPEATEDLY FIRED ON REYES AS HE WALKED ACROSS THE TOWN'S CENTRAL PLAZA SHORTLY AFTER 1:00 PM. (WITNESSES LATER REPORTED THAT THE THREE ATTACKERS HAD BEEN SEEN IN THE PARK SINCE BEFORE 7:00 THAT MORNING, THE WOMAN AND ONE OF THE MEN POSING AS LOVERS). THE WOMAN THEN APPROACHED THE MAYOR'S BODY AND DELIVERED A "GRACE SHOT" TO THE RIGHT TEMPLE. ALERTED BY ONLOOKERS, POLICE USED THE MAYOR'S MICROBUS TO CHASE THE ATTACKERS, WHO HAD FLED ON FOOT. AS OTHER POLICE BLOCKED THE ESCAPE ROUTE A SHOOTOUT ENSUED, RESULTING IN ONE DEAD, ONE CAPTURED AND ONE ESCAPED. THE FEMALE ATTACKER, 23-YEAR OLD ELSINA ALEJANDRINA CASTILLO MARTINEZ (AKA, COMANDANTE REBECA), WAS KILLED. ISMAEL COLLANTES BELTRAN (AKA, ISAAC), SOUGHT BY THE POLICE FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, WAS CAPTURED. COLLANTES BELTRAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE CONFESSED TO HAVING DIRECTED A NUMBER OF ARMED ACTIONS AS THE LEADER OF A SENDERO PLATOON. HE HAS BEEN LINKED TO SPECIFIC ATTACKS AGAINST COOPERATIVE ADMINISTRATORS, POLICE AND EDUCATORS, PLUS THE DESTRUCTION OF HIGH TENSION ELECTRIC PYLONS.

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5. PEASANTS MASSACRED BY SENDERO:

SENDERO KILLED AT LEAST 45 PEASANTS IN THREE  
SETTLEMENTS IN HUANCAVELICA PROVINCE ON JUNE 9.  
UP TO 100 GUERRILLAS MARCHED "IN SYNCHRONIZED  
FASHION" INTO THE HAMLETS AND USED  
BULLHORNS TO CALL THE VILLAGERS TO ASSEMBLE.  
WHILE SOME ESCAPED IN THE EARLY MORNING

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LIGHT, MANY COMMUNITY LEADERS WERE APPARENTLY  
PULLED FROM THEIR HOMES BY GUERRILLAS WHO SOUGHT

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THEM OUT. AFTER CONDUCTING "POPULAR TRIALS" THE SENDERO SHOT, STABBED OR SMASHED THE SKULLS OF THEIR VICTIMS, WHILE THE ASSEMBLED SPOUSES, CHILDREN AND NEIGHBORS PLEADED IN VAIN TO SPARE THEIR LIVES. MOST OF THOSE MURDERED WERE LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, ACCUSED OF ORGANIZING PEASANT SELF-DEFENSE COMMITTEES ("RONDAS CAMPESINAS") OR WORKING DURING THE ARMED STRIKE ("PARO ARMADO") SENDERO CALLED JUNE 5-7. POLICE BELIEVE SENDERO HAS MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS IN THE AREA, NEAR THE ATTACKED VILLAGES OF COCAS, CHRIS AND SAN GALLAICO, SOME 60-70 KILOMETERS FROM HUANCAVELICA. BASED ON EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY, THE ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (APRODEH) DENOUNCED THE SENDERO ATTACKS IN A JUNE 15 PRESS STATEMENT. TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME APRODEH HAS GONE BEYOND PROTESTING GOVERNMENTAL ABUSES AND CONDEMNED SENDERO-INITIATED HUMAN RIGHTS CRIMES.

6. SENDERO LEADER, TROOPS KILLED:

DAVID OROSCO TELLO, SAID TO BE SENDERO'S NUMBER THREE LEADER, WAS ONE OF 15 SENDERISTAS KILLED IN BATTLE WITH PERUVIAN ARMY PATROL ON 5 JUNE IN APURIMAC DEPARTMENT. SEVERAL DAYS PASSED BEFORE MILITARY AND FORENSIC EXPERTS IDENTIFIED THE BODY AS THAT OF OROSCO TELLO (AKA, COMRADE MERINO), REGARDED AS HAVING REPLACED OSMAN MOROTE BARRIONUEVO (CAPTURED 11 JUNE 1988) AS THIRD IN SENDERO LEADERSHIP AFTER ABIMAEEL GUZMAN AND JULIO  
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CESAR MEZZICH. ANOTHER SEVEN SENDERO GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED IN PARINOCHAS PROVINCE OF AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT (EXACT DATE UNCLEAR). IN BOTH CASES THE ARMY RECOVERED SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF ARMAMENTS AND EXPLOSIVES.

7. (LOU) COMMENT: RECENT SL ACTIONS APPEAR CENTERED ON BOLDFACED DAYTIME EXECUTIONS WITH PLENTY OF WITNESSES. ABSENT EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST ANY EXPLICIT CHANGE IN TACTICS, THE SHEER CHUTZPAH OF THESE INCIDENTS PROBABLY REFLECTS GREATER

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SL SELF-CONFIDENCE IN VARIOUS CONFLICTIVE  
ZONES (INCLUDING LIMA). END COMMENT.

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