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A NUMBER OF SUSPECTS CARRYING DYNAMITE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE CENTRAL OFFICES OF THE NATIONAL ELECTION COMMISSION. POLICE THINK THE JNE MAY HAVE BEEN THE TARGET.

6. IN SOME PLACES IN LIMA VOTERS WERE PREPARED TO OPENLY DEFEY THE TERRORISTS. A REPEATED IMAGE OR TV AND IN THE PRESS WAS GROUPS OR INDIVIDUAL VOTERS, WITH A FIST RAISED; MIDDLE FINGER EXTENDED. HERE THAT IS NOT AN OBSCENE GESTURE. IT IS THE MIDDLE FINGER THAT RECEIVES THE LARGEST APPLICATION OF BLUE INK DURING THE FINGER-PRINTING WHICH IS PART OF THE VOTING VALIDATION PROCESS.

7. IN THE INTERIOR THE SITUATION WAS MORE SERIOUS. SENDERO REPORTEDLY ENTERED A SMALL VILLAGE IN AYACUCHO WHERE MOST OF THE VILLAGES HAD TRAVELED THE DAY PREVIOUSLY TO VOTE IN THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL. THE TERRORISTS KILLED 15 OF THOSE WHO REMAINED, MOSTLY CHILDREN AND OLDER RESIDENTS. THERE WERE BOMBING ATTACKS IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN ANCASH DEPARTMENT. THERE ARE REPORTS OF DEATHS AND INJURIES. SENDERO HAD CALLED AN ARMED STRIKE FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY OF ANCASH DURING THE ELECTIONS.

8. SENDERO ATTACKED AND KILLED A SUB-PREFECT IN SAN MARTIN DEPARTMENT AND A MAYOR IN A RURAL VILLAGE OF JUNIN DEPARTMENT. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF TERRORISTS SELECTED TWO CITIZENS IN LINE WAITING TO VOTE IN A PUNO DEPARTMENT VILLAGE, DRAGGED THEM OUT OF TOWN, AND SHOT THEM TO DEATH.

9. MOST BUSES WERE REPORTEDLY NOT OPERATING IN APURIMAC, AYACUCHO, HUANCANELICA, JUNIN, AND PASCO DEPARTMENTS. VOTERS REACHED THE POLLS ON FOOT, IN MILITARY VEHICLES OR IN THE BACKS OF PICK-UPS AND TRUCKS WHOSE DRIVERS WERE WILLING TO DEFEY THE ARMED STRIKES CALLED IN ALL OF THOSE LOCATIONS. THE ABSENTEE DATA FOR THESE FIVE DEPARTMENTS WILL BE ESPECIALLY INFORMATIVE.

10. WHILE THE CANDIDATES ARE BICKERING ABOUT WHO WERE THE WINNERS AND LOSERS OF THIS ELECTION, ALL AGREE THAT SENDERO WAS A LOSER. ON BALANCE, WE AGREE. WE WOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT SL HAS LATELY PROVER MORE RESILIENT THAN MOST OF PERU'S POLITICAL PARTIES.

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY. SENDERO LUMINOSO APPEARS TO HAVE HAD LITTLE EFFECT IN HALTING VOTING IN LIMA OR THE MAJOR COASTAL AREAS. THERE WERE ISOLATED BOMBINGS IN LIMA AND TRUJILLO, WITH NO INJURIES REPORTED. SL VIOLENCE IN THE INTERIOR WAS MORE EFFECTIVE, BUT AGAIN SPORADIC, WITH KILLINGS REPORTED IN ANCASH, SAN MARTIN, JUNIN, AYACUCHO AND PUNO. ALL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AGREED THAT SENDERO WAS THE BIG LOSER IN THIS ELECTION. IN THE SHORT-TERM, WE AGREE. HOWEVER, SL HAS LATELY PROVEN MORE RESILIENT THAN MOST OF PERU'S POLITICAL PARTIES. END SUMMARY.

3. THE FINAL MEASURE OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SENDERO LUMINOSO'S ANTI-ELECTION CAMPAIGN WILL BE THE ABSENTEE FIGURES FROM THE EMERGENCY ZONES AND SEVERAL OTHER AREAS SPECIFICALLY TARGETED BY THE TERRORISTS, BUT THE PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS ARE THAT MOST PERUVIANS OPENLY PARTICIPATED IN THE APRIL 8 BALLOTING DESPITE THE POTENTIAL THREAT.

4. IN LIMA AND THE MAJOR COASTAL CITIES THE THREAT WAS MORE A THUNDER STORM ON THE HORIZON THAN AN ACTUAL DELUGE. WE KNOW OF NO CASES WHERE BUSES CARRYING VOTERS NORTH OR SOUTH ALONG THE PANAMERICAN HIGHWAY WERE INTERCEPTED. TO MOST VOTERS ALONG THE COAST, THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE SEEMED REMOVED. THERE WERE BOMBINGS IN TRUJILLO AND IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN LIMA. MOST WERE SMALL DYNAMITE CHARGES NEAR POLLING PLACES, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, OR THE HOMES OF PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES. THERE WERE NO SERIOUS INJURIES REPORTED IN ANY OF THESE INCIDENTS.

5. THERE WERE NO PRISON RIOTS AT LIMA'S CANTO GRANDE PRISON. SL DOWNED TOWERS AND BLACKED OUT MOST OF ANCASH DEPARTMENT, BUT LIMA HAD LIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE ELECTION WEEK-END. THE PRESS REPORTS THAT POLICE DETAINED AS MANY AS 25 WANTED TERRORISTS IN LIMA WHILE THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO VOTE. POLICE ARRESTED

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