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SUBJECT: Terrorist attacks against U.S. targets in Peru
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We have prepared a chronological list of all known terrorist attacks against U.S.-related targets in Peru since 1981. The incidents listed below come from a variety of sources, including our Chron files. We request that readers submit to the Embassy political section any corrections or additional details which will help us update this list.

The following are terrorist incidents involving the American Embassy or other U.S. interests. A "U.S. interest" is defined as a corporation, church, or other group with actual or perceived ties to the United States. Only those incidents apparently directed against the U.S. are listed. Terrorism near a U.S. interest is not listed unless there was an American in close enough vicinity to have been under grave risk of injury. We have noted deaths or injuries where our files or sources clearly indicate they occurred. The absence of indication of personal injury does not mean there was none, just that our files are not clear. Incidents listed as "attacks" or "bombings" are normally dynamite attacks. If our files are more specific, we provide the available details.

Non-terrorist threats, apparent surveillance, and common criminal activity are not included. We have assigned attribution where possible. If the perpetrators are uncertain, they are listed as unknown (unk).

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Date	Location	Perpetrator/Incident Details
1981:		
30Jul	Tarma, Junin	SL dynamite attacked US-Peruvian cultural institute
15Aug	Juli, Puno	SL bombed Maryknoll religious center
31Aug	Lima	SL bombed Chancery and Residence
31Aug	Lima	SL bombed Bank of America, Coca Cola Carnation Co.
31Aug	Iquitos	Unk bombed Holiday Inn
06Oct	Lima	SL bombed statue of John* Kennedy in Miraflores
12Dec	Lima	SL bombed Bi-National Center (BNC)
12Dec	Lima	SL bombed US bank
14Dec	Lima	SL dynamite attack on Sheraton
1982:		
11Mar	Lima	SL bombed Sears-Roebuck
20Mar	Lima	SL placed bombs at Goodyear Tire - no explosions
25Jul	Lima	SL threw two dynamite bombs at Chancery
25Jul	Lima	SL bombed Coca Cola
31Jul	Lima	SL bombs Sears-Roebuck
29Oct	Lima	SL failed attack on Amb residence
1983:		
22Mar	Cuzco	SL bombed BNC
27Mar	Lima	SL bombed Chancery
27Mar	Lima	SL bombed Sheraton
12Jun	Cuzco	SL bombed BNC
22Jun	Lima	SL failed bombing at Amb. residence
16Oct	Lima	SL bombed Phillips subsidiary
22Oct	Lima	SL bombed Ralston-Purina factory
1984:		
21Mar	Lima	SL bomb near Chancery
18Apr	Lima	SL bomb near Amb. residence
04Jul	Huancayo	SL bombed BNC
04Jul	Ica	SL bombed Coca Cola warehouse
01Aug	Ayacucho	SL bombed Evangelical church run by US missionaries
04Sep	Lima	SL bombed BNC
20Sep	Lima	SL bombed Ralston-Purina (San Martin de Porres)

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28Sep	Lima	MRTA machine-gun attack on Chancery
28Sep	Lima	MRTA bombed Sears-Roebuck
29Sep	Lima	MRTA occupied UPI and AP offices
09Oct	Loreto	Unk stole 60,000 gallons of Occidental Petrol gas
Nov	UHV	SL killed 19 CORAH workers
20Nov	Piura	SL bombed BNC
28Nov	Lima	Unk bombed BNC
29Dec	Chimbote	SL firebombed AP office
1985:		
20Mar	Lima	MRTA burned 3 Kentucky Fried, two with heavy damages
16May	Lima	SL bombed Amb residence
16May	Lima	SL bombed BNC
14Jul	Lima	Javier Heraud Revolutionary Command attacked Consulate
Nov	Lima	MRTA bombed Texaco
09Nov	Lima	MRTA fired shots into Chancery compound dynamite charge exploded on sidewalk
1986:		
Jan	Lima	MRTA occupied radio stations to protest visit by Senator Kennedy
20Feb	Lima	SL car bombed So Peru Copper
21Feb	Lima	SL bombed Chancery
03Apr	Lima	MRTA bombed IBM
03Apr	Lima	MRTA bombed 3 Citibanks
07Apr	Chiclayo	MRTA bombed BNC
10Apr	Trujillo	MRTA bombed BNC
11Apr	Lima	MRTA bombed Sears, Kodak, Citibank
11Apr	Lima	MRTA bombed AID warehouse
Apr	Lima	MRTA car bombed Amb residence, significant damage
Apr	Lima	MRTA bombed BNC
May	Trujillo	MRTA bombed BNC, several students injured
09Jun	Arequipa	MRTA bombed BNC
21Jun	Lima	MRTA car bombed Occi Petrol
Jun	Cuzco	SL bombed Machu Picchu train, one Amcit killed, 9 injured
04Jul	Lima	Unk attacked bust of John Kennedy
22Jul	Lima	SL bombed Eastern Air
27Jul	Lima	Unk firebombed Sheraton
23Sep	Lima	Unk attacked FSN employee of RSO
Nov	Trujillo	Unk bombed BNC
18Dec	Lima	MRTA bombed 2 BNCs, AID warehouse
18Dec	Lima	MRTA bombed IBM, Goodyear

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18Dec	Lima	MRTA bombed Summer Institute of Linguistics
20Dec	Lima	MRTA bombed Embassy annex housing USIS offices
1987:		
06Jan	Lima	Unk bombed building housing Eastern Air offices
20Feb	Lima	MRTA car bombed So Peru Copper
24Feb	Lima	SL hand grenaded home next to Emb employee
Feb	Lima	Unk bombed Bank, damaged USIS building
Feb	Lima	Unk car bomb significantly damaged AID building
Mar	Tocache	Unk destroyed FAP helicopter, DEA Country Attache uninjured
31Mar	Lima	MRTA bombed Citibank
22Apr	Lima	MRTA attacked Coca Cola
May	Lima	Unk fired on Chancery during police strike, 12 hits
06Jun	Lima	MRTA attacked restaurant, US mission employee inside
13Jun	Lima	MRTA bombed Helene Curtis distr.
17Jul	Lima	SL car bomb towed from Sheraton exploded
19Aug	UHV	SL fired on U.S. helicopter, no injuries
24Aug	Lima	SL car bombed Citibank and Sheraton hotel
Oct	Lima	MRTA bombed Consulate
18Nov	Lima	SL bombed Chancery
26Nov	Lima	MRTA occupied UPI office
17Dec	Lima	SL car bombed one block from Embassy
1988:		
26Jan	Lima	MRTA occupied AP
27Jan	Lima	SL bomb near Embassy
13Feb	Lima	MRTA bombed Shell Oil
19Mar	Lima	MRTA bombed Eli Lilly
19Mar	Lima	MRTA bombed Shell Oil, admin office
24Mar	Lima	Unk fired at and hit Embassy vehicle, no injuries
Apr	UHV	SL kills three PEAH workers
17Apr	Lima	MRTA bombed 2 BNCs, 2 injuries
09Jun	Lima	MRTA mortared Amb residence, no injuries, slight damage
13Jun	Junin	SL killed two AID contractees, including Amcit Constatine Gregory
26Jun	Ayacucho	SL killed Peruvian Mormon official
28Jun	Ayacucho	SL stopped AID vehicle

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23Aug San Martin Unk fired on US helicopter, a pilot injured
 01Oct Lima SL suspects (2) arrested near Embassy
 17Nov Cuzco Unk attacked Shell Oil at Camisea
 01Dec Cuzco Unk derailed Machu Picchu train, wife of NJ Mayor died

1989:

25Jan San Martin Unk fired on US helicopter, RSO slightly wounded
 26Jan Lima MRTA bombed restaurant, Embassy employee present
 04Feb UHV Unk fired on and damaged two US helicopters, Peruvian pilot seriously injured
 27Feb Lima SL threw dynamite bomb at Chancery
 17Apr Lima MRTA bombed BNC
 Aug Yurimaguas MRTA visited TropSoils project
 10Sep Lima MRTA flyer found in phone near Consulate
 23Sep Lima Unk fired shots at Amb. residence
 25Oct Lima SL car bombed Marine House
 Nov Uchiza Unk killed AmCit reporter Todd C. Smith
 22Dec Lima Unk fired shots near Amb residence, one hit AID
 23Dec Arequipa MRTA bombed BNC, no injuries
 25Dec Chiclayo MRTA bombed BNC, no injured
 25Dec Chiclayo MRTA bombed Mormon Church, no injuries
 29Dec Tarapoto MRTA bombed Mormon Church, no injuries

1990:

15Jan Lima Unk threw dynamite at Marine House, local guard injured
 26Jan Ayacucho SL kills Jehovah's Witness cleric
 09Feb Lima MRTA failed bombing, Embassy warehouse
 14Feb Lima MRTA bombed Embassy warehouse, slight damage
 06Apr San Martin SL fired on Santa Lucia Base
 May Ayacucho SL killed Evangelical preacher, note alleged ties to U.S.
 05Jun Lima MRTA bombed Kentucky Fried Chicken
 25Jun Arequipa Unk failed bombing at BNC
 18Jul Cuzco SL bombed the BNC
 17Aug Lima Unk left hand grenade near Roosevelt School, no detonation
 21Aug Lima SL car bomb near DEA residence, DEA not target

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22Aug	Huancayo	SL killed two Peruvian Mormon missionaries
Sep	Satipo, Junin	SL threatens "gringo missionaries", letter left at Canadian Mennonite home
26Sep	San Martin	SL fired on INM helicopter supporting police base at Nuevo Progreso

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