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THE CASE OF MR. MAGNO SOSA

THE RELEASE OF MR. MAGNO SOSA, A CORRESPONDENT FOR "SI" MAGAZINE HAS BEEN ORDERED BY JUDGE FRANCISCO TORRES CARDENAS IN AYACUCHO LAST WEEK, AFTER FINDING THAT ACCUSATIONS MADE BY OTHER DETAINEES IMPLICATING HIM TO SHINING PATH ACTIVITIES WHEN NO SUPPORTED BY ADEQUATE EVIDENCES.

PREVIOUSLY, DR. CLODOMIRO CHAVEZ, SPECIAL ATTORNEY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, HAS INFORMED THAT MR. MAGNO SOSA PRESENTED HIS TESTIMONY TO THE THIRD COURT IN AYACUCHO, ON AUGUST 23, 1991 AFTER BEING CHARGED FOR ALLEGED TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

DURING THAT TIME, MR. SOSA WAS TAKEN TO THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN AYACUCHO BECAUSE OF A GASTRITIS ULCER.

DR. MARIO ALMONACIDO CISNEROS, SPECIAL ATTORNEY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN AYACUCHO STATED LAST WEEK THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION, MR. SOSA HAS FULLY HAD ACCESS TO HIS LAWYER AND HAS NEVER BEEN HARASSED OR INCOMMUNICADO.

WHILE DISTORTION OF THE FACTS ABOUT MR. SOSA'S DETENTION BY A COLUMNIST AND SOME HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS UNDERLINE THE SIGNIFICANT NEED OF A BALANCED APPROACH TO CONSIDER THE PROFOUND VIOLENCE THAT STRIKES THE PERUVIAN SOCIETY, ALSO SHOWS THAT A LACK OF INDEPENDENT AND VERIFIED INFORMATION COULD BE INSPIRING DIFFERENT INTEREST OTHERS THAN ONLY THE PROTECTION HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE.



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