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CELEBRATE WITH ATTACKS

REFS: A) LIMA 13384, B) LIMA 11215

1. (U) SUMMARY: SENDERO LUMINOSO AND MRTA MARKED COLUMBUS WEEKEND WITH ATTACKS AND KILLINGS. AMONG OTHER INCIDENTS, MRTA TRIED TO MORTAR THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AND THE U.S. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. IT CAUSED NO INJURIES AND LITTLE DAMAGE; SENDERO REPORTEDLY MASSACRED AT LEAST 45 CAMPESINOS IN AYACUCHO AND FIVE LOCAL OFFICIALS IN PUNO. MRTA'S ATTEMPT TO GET SOME ATTENTION PALED, THANKS TO PDR AIM, NEXT TO SENDERO'S ATTACKS. MRTA CONSCIOUSLY SOUGHT TO MAKE AN ANTI-COLUMBUS STATEMENT; SL ACTIONS APPEAR MORE IN LINE WITH ITS OVERALL VIOLENT ATTACKS ON THE REGIME. END SUMMARY.
 MRTA MORTARS PALACE; AMBASSADOR RESIDENCE

2. (U) TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) TERRORISTS MARKED THE COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND WITH A MORTAR ATTACK ON THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, AS WELL AS

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OTHER TERRORIST ACTIONS IN SEVERAL PARTS OF LIMA. THREE 60 MM MORTAR ROUNDS WERE FIRED AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (REF A) AT ABOUT 23:30 ON OCTOBER 10. ONE OF THE ROUNDS DETONATED OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE COMPOUND CHIPPING THE PAINT ON THE RESIDENCE'S PERIMETER

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WALL; THE OTHER TWO FELL IN A NEARBY PARK WITH NO DAMAGES OR INJURIES REPORTED. AMBASSADOR QUANTON HAD DEPARTED POST SEPTEMBER 19; THE HOUSEHOLD STAFF WAS AT THE RESIDENCE.

3. (U) AT 21:10 ON OCTOBER 11 THREE MORTAR ROUNDS (POSSIBLY RIFLE PROPELLED GRENADES - "INSTALAZAS") WERE FIRED AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IN CENTRAL LIMA. ALL FELL WIDE. ONE EXPLODED AT A NEARBY OPEN MARKET CAUSING SLIGHT MATERIAL DAMAGE AND NO CASUALTIES, THE OTHER TWO WERE LATER DEACTIVATED BY A BOMB SQUAD. REPORTS INDICATE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS HEARD AND THE TERRORISTS ESCAPED INTO LIMA'S RIMAC SLUM AREA, ACROSS THE RIVER FROM THE PALACE. MRTA FLYERS WERE REPORTEDLY FOUND AT THE SITE WHERE THE MORTAR WAS FIRED.

4. (U) IN OTHER PRESUMED MRTA ATTACKS, A SACHEL BOMB WAS THROWN AT A BANK WITH CONNECTIONS TO SPAIN ON PARDO AVENUE, ONE OF THE BUSIEST COMMERCIAL/ENTERTAINMENT STREETS IN LIMA'S UP-SCALE MIRAFLORES DISTRICT AT 21:30 ON OCTOBER 9. THE BANK WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED BUT NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. ANOTHER BANK WAS BOMBED IN LIMA'S SANTA ANITA DISTRICT AT 06:30 ON OCTOBER 12, CAUSING MATERIAL DAMAGE BUT NO CASUALTIES. SMALL EXPLOSIVES DEVICES WERE ALSO REPORTEDLY LEFT BEHIND BY PRESUMED MRTA-INSPIRED PROTESTS IN COMAS, BUT WERE DEACTIVATED BY POLICE BOMB UNITS.

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5. (U) THREE MRTA TERRORISTS TOOK OVER LIMA'S UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL'S OFFICES AT NOON ON OCTOBER 13. THEY FORCED THE STAFF AT GUNPOINT TO TRANSMIT A MESSAGE DENOUNCING COLUMBUS' ARRIVAL IN THE AMERICAS, THE GOP AND THE NOVEMBER CONSTITUENT CONGRESS ELECTIONS. THEY ALSO TOOK CREDIT FOR THE ATTACKS ON THE RESIDENCE, THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AND THE SPANISH BANK. MRTA STAGED A SIMILAR RAID ON UPI'S OFFICES ON AUGUST 19 (REF B).

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SL ALSO MARKS COLUMBUS DAY: MASSACRE IN AYACUCHO

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6. (U) SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) CONTINUED ITS VIOLENCE IN THE WAKE OF THE LIFE SENTENCE AGAINST SL FOUNDER ABIMAEI GUZMAN AND THE FAILURE OF GUZMAN'S FINAL APPEAL (AS EXPECTED) BEFORE THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF MILITARY JUSTICE ON OCTOBER 11. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE A SENDERO COLUMN MASSACRED AT LEAST 47 CAMPESINOS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN, IN HUAYLLAO, LA MAR PROVINCE, AYACUCHO ON OCTOBER 10. THE COLUMN REPORTEDLY ATTACKED THE COMMUNITY AT ABOUT 21:00, HUNTED DOWN MEMBERS OF THE SELF DEFENSE RONDA CAMPESINA AND BURNED DOWN SEVERAL BUILDINGS. THE ICRC CONFIRMED THAT IT WAS PAYING FOR THE MEDICAL TREATMENT OF 12 OF THOSE INJURED, AND THAT THREE OF THESE HAD DIED. THE POLITICAL MILITARY COMMANDER ORDERED SECURITY FORCES AND NEARBY RONDAS TO SEARCH FOR THE SL COLUMN. THIS REPORTEDLY IS THE LARGEST SENDERO MASSACRE IN AYACUCHO SINCE THAT OF LUCANAMARCA IN APRIL 1983.

7. (U) OTHER PRESS REPORTS INDICATE ANOTHER

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SENDERO COLUMN ATTACKED THE SETTLEMENT OF PALCA, LAMPA PROVINCE, IN PUNO DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 8. THE SENDERISTAS REPORTEDLY KILLED FIVE PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DISTRICT MAYOR AND GOVERNOR, AFTER A "PEOPLE'S TRIAL," AND PROCEEDED TO SACK OFFICIAL BUILDINGS. THE TERRORISTS THEN RAIDED THE "GLASS OF MILK" DONATED FOOD STORES, DISTRIBUTING A RATION TO EACH OF THE ASSEMBLED TOWNSPEOPLE.

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8. (U) OTHER SENDERO ATTACKS OVER THE COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND INCLUDED THE ASSASSINATION OF A POLICE COMMANDANTE IN LIMA'S SAN MARTIN DE PORRES SLUM AREA ON OCTOBER 11. THE MAJOR WAS GUNNED DOWN BY AT LEAST THREE TERRORISTS, REPORTEDLY INCLUDING A WOMAN, WHO BLEW UP THE MAJOR'S BODY WITH AN EXPLOSIVE CHARGE BEFORE ESCAPING. THE MAJOR, WHO ALSO TAUGHT PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT A NEARBY SCHOOL, WAS AMBUSHED AS HE WAITED FOR A "FULEITO" SOCCER COURT WITH HIS STUDENTS.

9. (C) COMMENT: PERU'S JUNIOR SUBVERSIVE GROUP'S EFFORTS TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON COLUMBUS DAY WITH LOW COST, HIGH VISIBILITY STAND-OFF ATTACKS FELL FLAT. SENDERO'S ATTACKS CONSISTED OF SMALL UNIT ACTIONS IN LIMA AND CONTINUED ATTACKS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. MRTA'S POOR AIM ONLY HIGHLIGHTED ITS INCREASING IRRELEVANCE. THE SL ATTACK, LESS CLEARLY FOCUSED ON THE COLUMBUS ANNIVERSARY, REFLECTS ITS MORE RUTHLESS USE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE REGIME AND ITS PEASANT SUPPORTERS. BRAYSHAW#

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