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TAGS: PTER, ASEC, AMGT, PE  
SUBJECT: SENDERO MASSACRES ASHANINKA INDIANS

1. CHURCH SOURCES CONFIRM THAT SENDERO LUMINOSO  
(SL) COLUMNS ATTACKED SEVERAL ASHANINKA INDIAN

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VILLAGES ALONG THE ENE RIVER IN THE REMOTE  
JUNGLE OF EASTERN JUNIN DEPARTMENT ON AUGUST  
18. THE SENDERO COLUMNS WERE MOSTLY COMPRISED  
OF OTHER "POLITICIZED" ASHANINKA INDIANS.  
SKETCHY INFORMATION FROM THE AREA INDICATES AS  
MANY AS SIX VILLAGES WERE OVERRUN BY  
SENDERISTAS, WHO MASSACRED OVER 60 INDIANS,  
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND  
CHILDREN. INITIAL UNCONFIRMED REPORTS, PROBABLY  
EXAGGERATED, CLAIM SOME 200 ASHANINKAS WERE  
WOUNDED AND THAT THE TERRORISTS HACKED THE EARS

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OFF 14 CHILDREN. AT LEAST 25 BADLY INJURED ASHANINKAS HAVE BEEN FERRIED BY THE MILITARY TO THE HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF SATIPO.

2. THE WORST ATTACK APPRENTLY OCCURRED IN A VILLAGE CALLED CHRIYANI. A LIMA HUMAN RIGHTS WORKER WHO WENT TO THE SITE REPORTS THAT SURVIVORS INDICATE THAT APPROXIMATELY 100 SENDERISTAS ENTERED THE VILLAGE AT ABOUT 18:00 ON AUGUST 18. CLAIMING THEY WERE MEMBERS OF NEAR-BY SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS (RONDEROS), THE SENDERISTAS CALLED THE VILLAGERS OUT OF THEIR HOMES TO THE VILLAGE SQUARE FOR A "RONDERO MEETING." THE SENDERISTAS THEN ATTACKED THE UNSUSPECTING ASSEMBLED VILLAGERS WITH MACHETES AND AXES. SOME 20 VILLAGERS WERE KILLED AND UNDETERMINED NUMBER WOUNDED. THE HUMAN RIGHTS WORKERS SAID SEVEN OF THE WOUNDED WERE SMALL CHILDREN WHO COULD NOT BE MOVED FROM THE VILLAGE

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TO THE SEVERITY OF THEIR AX WOUNDS.

3. ONE SURVIVOR OF THE ATTACK ON TAHUANTINSUYO, APPARENTLY THE HARDEST HIT VILLAGE, TOLD CHURCH OFFICIALS THAT SOME 50 SENDERISTAS OVERRAN THE VILLAGE AT ABOUT 20:00 ON AUGUST 18, OVERWHELMING THE LOCAL SELF-DEFENSE (RONDA) GROUP. THE SENDERISTAS ATTACKED HOUSE BY HOUSE, DRAGGING THE INHABITANTS OUTSIDE AND HACKING AT THEM WITH MACHETES AND KNIVES, THEN BURNING DOWN THE BUILDINGS. AT LEAST 18 VILLAGERS WERE KILLED IN TAHUANTINSUYO, AND SOME 20 WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, INCLUDING EIGHT CHILDREN. THE SURVIVOR DID NOT RECALL THE SENDERISTAS USING ANY FIREARMS. THE BISHOP OVERSEEING SATIPO, WHO WAS IN LIMA AT A CHURCH CONFERENCE, HURRIEDLY FLEW TO THE AREA AS SOON AS INFORMATION OF THE ATTACKS FILTERED THROUGH TO LIMA LATE AUGUST 19.

4. COMMENT: A VARIETY OF MOTIVES FOR THE ATTACKS HAVE BEEN MENTIONED BY DIFFERENT SOURCES, BUT INFORMATION IS STILL TOO INCOMPLETE TO FORM

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JUDGMENTS. MEDIA REPORTS CITING LOCAL GOP  
OFFICIALS SUGGEST THE ATTACKS ARE SL REPRISALS  
AGAINST THE ASHANINKAS FOR RAIDS INTO SENDERO  
"AREAS" TO LIBERATE FELLOW ASHANINKAS PREVIOUSLY  
CAPTURED BY SENDERO AND FORCED TO WORK FOR SL.  
CHURCH SOURCES ADD THAT "SENDERO" ASHANINKAS  
ROUTINELY ATTACK NON-SENDERO ASHANINKA  
COMMUNITIES TO SPREAD FEAR AND TAKE CAPTIVES;  
THEY REPORT THAT A SIMILAR ATTACK OCCURRED IN

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CHANCHAMAYO PROVINCE, SOME 150 KILOMETERS WEST  
OF THE SITE OF THESE ATTACKS.  
BRAYSHAW##

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