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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN ARMY CLAIMS TO CAPTURE  
- SOME AUTHORS OF JUNGLE MASSACRE;  
- CHURCH CLAIMS 2,000 DISPLACED

REF: A. LIMA 9336, B. LIMA 9413,  
- C. LIMA 9592 (ALL NOTAL)

1. (U) SUMMARY: THE PERUVIAN ARMY CLAIMED  
AUGUST 28 TO HAVE CAPTURED THIRTEEN TERRORISTS

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WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MASSACRE OF AT LEAST 57 INDIGENOUS ASHANINKAS AND COLONISTS IN SATIPO PROVINCE. APPROXIMATELY 2,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DISPLACED BY THE VIOLENCE, ACCORDING TO THE BISHOP OF SATIPO. THE ATTACK HAS HIGHLIGHTED SENDERO LUMINOSO'S STRENGTH IN EASTERN JUNIN DEPARTMENT, WHERE SEVERAL THOUSAND SUBSISTENCE-FARMING NATIVES ARE UNDER TERRORIST CONTROL. IN A FIRST-HAND VIEW OF THE TRAGEDY, POLOFF VISITED ONE OF THE SURVIVORS IN A HOSPITAL IN CALLAO; THE SEVERELY-INJURED AND MAIMED YOUNG WOMAN DID NOT KNOW WHAT HAD BECOME OF HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN. END SUMMARY.

MAIMED SURVIVOR AWAITS WORD OF HER FAMILY  
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2. (U) POLOFF ACCOMPANIED PERU'S ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, CLODOMIRO CHAVEZ, TO A CALLAO HOSPITAL AUGUST 26 TO VISIT ONE OF THE INJURED SURVIVORS OF THE AUGUST 18

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SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) MASSACRE OF NATIVE ASHANINKAS IN SATIPO PROVINCE, JUNIN DEPARTMENT. "ROSA" IS A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD FULL-BLOODED ASHANINKA WHO WAS MEDEVACKED TO LIMA AFTER HER VILLAGE WAS OVERRUN BY A GROUP MOSTLY COMPOSED OF ASHANINKAS BELONGING TO THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. SHE IS RECOVERING FROM MACHETE BLOWS TO THE HEAD, WHICH HAVE LEFT LONG SCARS. THE TERRORISTS ALSO CUT OFF FOUR FINGERS FROM ROSA'S RIGHT HAND.

3. (U) STILL SOMEWHAT IN A STATE OF SHOCK AND STARING INTO SPACE, ROSA TOLD CHAVEZ AND POLOFF THAT SHE WAS MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN. SHE HAD HAD NO WORD OF THE WHEREABOUTS OR WELL-BEING OF HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN SINCE THE ATTACK. SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE YUCA (CASSAVA) FARMERS. THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN SAID THAT ROSA WOULD RECOVER FROM HER WOUNDS, BUT NOTED THAT SHE SUFFERED FROM MALNUTRITION. CHAVEZ TOOK THE NAMES OF HER FAMILY MEMBERS AND PROMISED TO TRY

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TO FIND THEM. PERHAPS HER CHILDREN WERE AMONG THE DOZENS OF KIDS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ORPHANED IN THE MASSACRE, HE SAID.

ARMY CLAIMS TO CAPTURE SOME OF THE ATTACKERS

4. (U) IN SATIPO AUGUST 28, THE ARMY PRESENTED THIRTEEN INDIVIDUALS IT CLAIMED HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE MASSACRE OF AT LEAST 57 ASHANINKAS AND

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5. COMMENT: VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE THIRTEEN HAD SPANISH LAST NAMES AND A MESTIZO APPEARANCE. THIS MAY CONTRADICT EYEWITNESS REPORTS FROM SATIPO, WHICH INDICATE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE ATTACKERS WERE ASHANINKAS. (THE VICTIMS WERE BOTH ASHANINKAS AND COLONISTS -- MOST OF THE LATTER HAD MIGRATED FROM AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT TO ESCAPE THE VIOLENCE THERE, ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS.)

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 AROUND TWO THOUSAND DISPLACED, REPORTS BISHOP

6. (U) ACCORDING TO THE BISHOP OF SATIPO, APPROXIMATELY TWO THOUSAND ASHANINKAS WHO FLED FROM THE VILLAGES TO THE TOWNS OF SATIPO AND MAZAMARI REFUSE TO RETURN. THE CHURCH IS ASSISTING THEM, ACCORDING TO AN AUGUST 26 NEWS REPORT, AND TREATING THEM AS "REFUGEES." THE CHARITY GROUP CARITAS IS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AS WELL FROM AN EMERGENCY FUND OF USD 300,000.

SL PRESENCE STRONG IN EASTERN JUNIN

7. (U) ASHANINKA LEADERS FROM THE RIO TAMBO AREA TOLD A TELEVISION INTERVIEWER AUGUST 29 THAT SENDERO CONTROLS NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF THE

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ASHANINKA POPULATION IN THEIR DISTRICT. THEY ASKED THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOR GREATER SUPPORT FOR THE LIBERATION OF 14,000 NATIVES UNDER SL CONTROL.

8. (U) COMMENT: SL NUMBERS IN EASTERN JUNIN GREW LARGELY UNCHECKED BEGINNING IN 1988. IN THE LAST TWO YEARS OR SO, THEY HAVE FACED INCREASING OPPOSITION FROM THE RONDAS. THE MASSACRE IS UNDOUBTEDLY A COUNTERATTACK FUELED IN PART BY REVENGE. THE ASHANINKAS, MOSTLY

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SUBSISTENCE FARMERS, ARE ONE OF THE LARGEST ETHNIC GROUPS IN PERU'S AMAZON RAIN FOREST, NUMBERING AN ESTIMATED 55,000.  
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