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BUS, KILL 13 PEOPLE

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MADRID EFE IN SPANISH 0023 GHT 21 APR 87

(TEXT) LIMA, 20 APR (EFE) -- THE ARMED FORCES JOINT
COMMAND CONFIRMED TODAY THE KILLING OF 10 SOLDIERS AND 4 CIVILIANS
IN AN ATTACK BY PRESUMED MEMBERS OF SHINING PATH IN HUANCVELICA
DEPARTMENT, SOUTHEAST OF LIMA.

IN A COMMUNIQUE RELEASED IN LIMA, THE JOINT COMMAND SAYS
THAT THREE OTHER SOLDIERS WERE INJURED IN THE AMBUSH AT THE
PORFIADO BRIDGE ON SUNDAY MORNING.

A SUBLIEUTENANT, FIVE SERGEANTS, AND FOUR CORPORALS WERE KILLED.
THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS THAT A SEARCH OPERATION TO CATCH "THE
SUBVERSIVE CRIMINALS" IS BEING CONDUCTED IN THE AREA BY MILITARY
PATROLS.

THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO SAYS THAT THE MILITARY GROUP WAS ON ITS
WAY TO ASSIST THE POPULATION OF HUANCHCOLPA AND TO PARTICIPATE IN
A FLAG RAISING CEREMONY, BUT IT DOES NOT PROVIDE MORE DETAILS.

POLICE SOURCES HAVE REPORTED THAT THE ATTACK WAS PERPETRATED
WITH BOMBS HUNG AT THE TRUCK TRANSPORTING THE MILITARY AND
CIVILIAN GROUP, 18 KM FROM HUANCVELICA, THE DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL,
440 KM SOUTHEAST OF LIMA.

THE TRUCK, PROPERTY OF A MINING COMPANY IN THE HUANCHCOLPA
ZONE, WAS HIT BY EXPLOSIVE CHARGES AND BLEW UP, LEAVING THE
OCCUPANTS SPRAWLED ON THE GROUND NEAR THE PORFIADO BRIDGE.

ACCORDING TO THE SAME SOURCES, THE SHINING PATH MEMBERS,
AFTER THE TRUCK HAD OVERTURNED, OPENED FIRE ON THE OCCUPANTS,
AND THEN FLED, TAKING THE SOLDIERS' WEAPONS.

HUANCVELICA IS BORDERED ON THE SOUTH BY AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT,
AND SOME OF ITS PROVINCES WHERE TERRORISTS ARE ACTIVE ARE INCLUDED
IN THE EMERGENCY ZONE.

YESTERDAY'S ATTACK ON MILITARY PERSONNEL TOOK PLACE 10 DAYS
AFTER AN ATTACK IN THE RIMAC DISTRICT OF LIMA, WHICH TOOK THE
LIVES OF TWO ARMY OFFICERS AND FIVE CIVILIANS.

IN THAT OCCASION, MEMBERS OF THE SHINING PATH BARGED INTO
A RESTAURANT WHERE OFFICERS FROM THE ARMORED DIVISION OFTEN
ATE LUNCH, AND OPENED FIRE AT THE OFFICERS.

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