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(TEXT) LIMA, 19 MAY (AP) -- THE POLICE HAVE REPORTED THAT PRESUMED SHINING PATH TERRORISTS TODAY PLANTED BOOBY TRAPS IN SEVERAL PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOOTHS IN LIMA DURING A 24-HOUR STRIKE.

THE BOOBY TRAPS WERE DEFUSED BY POLICE EXPERTS. THE ANTIGOVERNMENT STRIKE WAS CALLED BY THE COMMUNIST GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF PERUVIAN WORKERS (CGTP) TO PROTEST THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT A SHINING PATH GUERRILLA WAS FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE YESTERDAY AFTER HE TRIED TO SET FIRE TO A GAS STATION IN A SHANTYTOWN IN NORTHERN LIMA, USING A BOMB.

THE TERRORIST, WHO WAS NOT IDENTIFIED, HAD PART OF HIS CHEST AND ARMS TORN AWAY AS A RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION THAT OCCURRED WHILE HE WAS RUNNING TO THROW THE BOMB.

THE AUTHORITIES ALSO CONFIRMED THAT YESTERDAY, MONDAY, THE SHINING PATH ORGANIZATION KILLED THREE MUNICIPAL LEADERS IN THE ANDEAN AREA OF AYACUCHO, 375 KM SOUTHEAST OF LIMA, PINNING TO THEIR BODIES SIGNS SAYING "ANY REPRESENTATION OF A CORRUPT STATE MUST BE DESTROYED."

THE AUTHORITIES SAID THAT THE SHINING PATH ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN USING THIS TYPE OF ACTION SINCE IT IMPLEMENTED A NEW STRATEGY OF ATTACKING CIVILIAN, MILITARY, AND POLICE AUTHORITIES MORE THAN 1 MONTH AGO. PREVIOUSLY, A SIGN READING "DEATH TO THE TRAITOR" WAS PINNED ON THE SHINING PATH VICTIMS.

ON 17 MAY, THE SHINING PATH ORGANIZATION CELEBRATED ITS 7TH ANNIVERSARY OF A BLOODY POPULAR WAR THAT THUS FAR HAS CAUSED MORE THAN 9,000 VICTIMS IN PERU.

YESTERDAY, IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT FOUR DAYS AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A POLICE STRIKE, WHICH WAS LIFTED LAST NIGHT, SHINING PATH COMMANDOS RAIDED THE TOWN OF YANACANCHA, IN THE CENTRAL ANDEAN AREA, THROWING DYNAMITE STICKS, LEAVING RED FLAGS WITH THE HAMMER AND SIEGEL, AND SHOUTING LONG LIVE THE ARMED STRUGGLE.

OTHER DYNAMITE ATTACKS OCCURRED IN THE CITIES OF CHIMOTE AND CAJAMARCA IN NORTHERN PERU.

IN CHIMOTE, AN EXPLOSION DAMAGED THE HEADQUARTERS OF A NEWSPAPER BUILDING AND A GOVERNMENT OFFICE. IN CAJAMARCA, THREE DYNAMITE ATTACKS AGAINST GOVERNMENT OFFICES WERE REPORTED. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED IN ANY OF THE ATTACKS.

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