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PERU: NEW GROUP VOWS TO FIGHT SHINING PATH GUERRILLAS

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PARIS APP IN SPANISH 2209 GMT 19 MAY 87

(TEXT) LIMA, 19 MAY (AP) -- IT WAS REPORTED TODAY IN LIMA THAT A PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION, THE SELF-STYLED COMMANDO FOR THE ELIMINATION OF SHINING PATH GUERRILLAS (COMANDO DE ANIQUILAMIENTO DE SENCERISTAS), HAS APPEARED IN THE NORTHEASTERN DEPARTMENT OF SAN MARTIN. THE COMMANDO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ITS OBJECTIVE IS TO FIGHT THE MAOIST GUERRILLAS THAT OPERATE IN THAT REGION OF THE PERUVIAN JUNGLE.

THE ORGANIZATION, WHICH HAS NOT YET CLAIMED ANY ACTION, LEFT LEAFLETS IN A RADIO STATION IN TARAPOTO, SOME 800 KM NORTHEAST OF LIMA, THAT THREATEN THE SHINING PATH GUERRILLAS. HOY, A PRO-GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER, HAS SAID THAT THIS IS AN ULTRARIGHTIST ORGANIZATION THAT HAS ALSO THREATENED TO KILL THOSE JOURNALISTS WHO PROMOTE SUBVERSION.

THIS FAR, THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE IN PERU WHERE AN ARMED GROUP HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL FIGHT THE GUERRILLAS. THE NEWSPAPER ALSO REPORTED THAT 7 GUERRILLAS 2 DAYS AGO ATTACKED A CIVIL GUARD STATION IN PICOTA, 60 KM FROM TARAPOTO. NO ONE WAS REPORTED INJURED DURING THE SHOOTOUT, BUT POLICE CAPTURED ONE OF THE TERRORISTS.

THE REPORT SAID THAT PRIOR TO THE ATTACK, THE MAYOR AND OTHER AUTHORITIES OF PICOTA RECEIVED DEAD THREATS FROM THE SHINING PATH, WHO GAVE THEM 15 DAYS TO LEAVE TOWN. (ENDALL) 192209 RGR/ELSAM/NL 200058 MAY

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