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O 282033Z MAY 86  
 FM AMEMBASSY LIMA  
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2079  
 INFO AMEMBASSY POGOTA  
 AMEMBASSY LA PAZ  
 AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO  
 AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
 AMEMBASSY QUITO  
 USAFSC HOWARD AFB PN  
 USCINCSO QUARRY HTS PN  
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FOI, EO or PA exemptions \_\_\_\_\_  
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 CLASSIFY as \_\_\_\_\_, OADR  
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 DIA FOR AT-5/OS-1D/DB-6D2/JSI-4F/DB-3C1  
 DEA FOR OF, PS, OC, OI  
 E.C. 12356: DECL: OADR  
 TAGS: PTER, PE  
 SUBJECT: TERRORISTS BLOW UP A MAJOR BRIDGE; DESTROY  
 TRAIN

1. (U) PRESUMED SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORISTS DESTROYED  
 112 METER BRIDGE OVER RIO MANTARO NIGHT OF MAY 27  
 AT PRECISE MOMENT A TRAIN WITH MINERAL CONCENTRATE  
 CARGO WAS CROSSING. FIVE RAILROAD WORKERS WERE

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INJURED. FIFTEEN CARS FELL INTO RIVER WITH CARGO.  
 ACCORDING TO MEDIA ACCOUNTS, POLICE GUARDS AT BRIDGE  
 HAD BEEN OVERPOWERED BY UP TO 40 TERRORISTS.

2. (U) BRIDGE IS ONE OF LARGEST ON PERU'S CENTRAL  
 RAILWAY SYSTEM. LOCATED BETWEEN CITIES OF HUANCAYO AND  
 LIMA (52 KILOMETERS FROM HUANCAYO), IT WILL REPORTEDLY  
 COST \$1 MILLION TO REPAIR. IN MEANTIME, MINERAL AND  
 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC TO AND  
 FROM LIMA IN THAT DIRECTION WILL BE CUT OFF.

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HUANCAYO HAS NO AIRPORT.

3. (C) THIS IS AS SERIOUS AS ANY TERRORIST ATTACK YET  
 ON COUNTRY'S INFRASTRUCTURE. EVEN MORE IMPORTANT,  
 PERHAPS, THAN COST OF REPAIR AND LOSS OF TRAIN AND  
 CARGO IS SEMI-ISOLATION IMPOSED ON A REGION OF COUNTRY.

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WE DO NOT YET KNOW HOW LONG REPAIR EFFORT WILL TAKE.  
POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER ATTACKS OF THIS NATURE IS ALMOST  
UNLIMITED. PERUVIAN RAILROAD AND ROAD SYSTEMS IN ANDES  
ARE DOTTED WITH BRIDGES OF VARYING SIZES AND IMPORTANCE.  
MANY ARE IN DESOLATE REGIONS AND ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY  
VULNERABLE TO ATTACK BY BANDS OF TERRORISTS. BRIDGE  
DESTROYED MAY 27, OF COURSE, WAS OUTSIDE EXISTING  
SOUTH CENTRAL SIERRA EMERGENCY ZONE, WHICH UNDERSCORES  
SPREAD OF PERUVIAN TERRORIST PHENOMENON TO ADJACENT  
AND OTHER AREAS. JORDAN  
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