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According to a report released Aug. 14 by the non-governmental Instituto Constitucion y Sociedad, rebel violence in Peru escalated during the first seven months of this year. The total number of terrorist attacks reported during the period reached 774, or an average of about 3.6 per day. During July, when Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) rebels called an armed strike (paro armado) in Lima, the total number of attacks increased to 174, a daily average of 5.6. In addition, the number of car-bomb attacks increased dramatically during the second half of the period, from five such attacks between January 1 and April 5 to 23 attacks between April 5 and July 31. The death toll from political violence during the January-July period totalled 1,807, a daily average of 8.48. The report estimated economic losses resulting from rebel violence during this period at more than US$500 million. (Sources: Chinese news service Xinhua, Spanish news service EFE, 08/14/92)

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