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On Feb. 20, heavy rains caused mudslides in southern Peru, as officials attempted to determine the exact death toll from weekend flooding in the northern Amazonian province of San Martin. Sen. Raul Acosta said the estimated 100 persons disappeared from three villages in the northern province. Acosta said a landslide on the Gera sent the river overflowing its banks and caused an estimated \$1 million in damage to a recently completed hydroelectric plant that was ready to go into operation. Government officials said- 57 bodies had been recovered, 400 families were homeless, some 1,200 ha. of rice and corn fields were destroyed, and portions of roads were flooded. Ignacio Ruiz, the mayor of the provincial city of Tarapoto, 600 km. northeast of Lima, said it would be difficult to know the exact number of victims since numerous settlements on the riverbanks were carried away by the waters." Local reports said downpours in the southern coastal province of Ica caused mudslides on Feb. 18, destroying cotton crops and vineyards. There were no injuries reported. (Basic data from AFP, 02/20/89)

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