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## **Peru: Security Forces Raid Two University Campuses In Lima**

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According to a statement released by the Interior Ministry late on April 19, security forces raided dormitories at two universities, arresting 518 people and seizing a large quantity of weapons, including dynamite, grenades and shotguns. The raid, which commenced before dawn, resulted in the arrest of students, professors and campus staff at the universities of San Marcos and Enrique Guzman y Valle. At San Marcos, police and army troops broke down doors of faculty offices and dormitories, said Jose Saldana, head of the university's teachers association. He said 380 San Marcos students, professors and school workers were arrested and 10 injured. Security agents seized records and documents. The Interior Ministry statement said Sendero Luminoso rebels were hiding out in the dormitories and storing weapons there to prepare for a new wave of attacks in Lima. Hundreds of university students took to the streets Wednesday to demand the release of their colleagues. Riot police clashed with students on several occasions, and prevented them from erecting roadblocks in streets near the campuses. Two years ago a similar raid at the two campuses in which between 700 and 800 people were arrested sparked a month of heavy guerrilla attacks around the city and violent campus protests. Most of those detained at the time were quickly released after proving their identities. San Marcos University's board of directors denounced the raids as an outrage. The board also charged that police had destroyed books, and had stolen blank diplomas and money. (Basic data from AP, AFP, 04/19/89)

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