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July 29: The official Andean News Agency (ANA) reported that security forces had killed 110 rebels in north central Peru during the week. On Friday, 30 Sendero Luminoso rebels were killed near the town of Nuevo Progreso, San Martin department, when two air force helicopters spotted them while transporting troops. Later in the day, army troops killed 20 rebels, and one police sergeant died in a shootout near the town of Tulumayo, some 450 km. north of Lima. Late July 27, 60 rebels were killed and several wounded by an army patrol near Madre Mia, San Martin department. Seven soldiers were killed and 12 wounded in the battle. Also on July 29, government sources announced that Tupac Amaru rebels had released Demetrio Tafur Ruiz, a local government official in eastern San Martin department. Tafur Ruiz was abducted by the guerrillas a month ago. The guerrilla group freed the hostage after the government met their conditions which included distribution of long overdue payments to the area's farmers for rice and corn delivered to state-run storage facilities.

July 28: Road traffic was reportedly paralyzed in Ayacucho and Junin departments after the Sendero Luminoso ordered "armed strikes." The rebels enforce the work shutdowns by attacking persons who fail to observe them. July 14: About 100 Sendero Luminoso guerrillas attacked the Morococha mine, run by the state-owned Centromin-Peru, and located in the Andean highlands about 70 miles northeast of Lima, Junin department. Dynamite explosions destroyed machinery, electronic control panels, fuel tanks and electrical generators, resulting in damage sufficient to shut down the mine for six months. Police told reporters July 15 that two mine workers were reported wounded. Morococha produces copper, lead, zinc, and silver. Centromin-Peru employs about 17,000 workers, 3,000 at the Morococha mine. The state mining complex's annual revenues total about $300 million. (Basic data from AP, 07/15/89; DPA, New York Times, 07/29/89; AFP, 07/30/89; Xinhua, 07/31/89)

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