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On Sept 29, three men were taken from their homes in Ayacucho by four assailants in military uniform armed with assault rifles and revolvers. The victims were shot in the head. The attackers were believed to be members of a death squad. In the past year, death squads have emerged who target suspected supporters of the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) rebels. On the same day, police said five Sendero guerrillas entered a primary school in the jungle town of San Martin de Pangoa, and opened fire with sub-machine guns, killing the school's principal and a teacher. The town is located 160 miles east of Lima. In the town of Marcara, 220 miles northeast of Lima, rebels reportedly shot and killed an agronomist and wounded the town's former leftist mayor. (Basic data from AP, 09/29/89)

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