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On Dec. 30, Senator Enrique Bernales told reporters that his congressional committee had counted some 3,000 people who died in Peru from political violence during 1989, up 50% over the 1988 total. Government figures indicate that in the past decade, more than 15,000 people have died and material damages totaled nearly \$17 billion. [On the evening of Dec. 29, suspected rebels stole the car of national police director Gen. Ruben Romero from the Interior Ministry's heavily guarded parking lot in Lima. Police said guerrillas disguised as law enforcement officers apparently walked into the lot and drove off with the general's car.] (Basic data from AFP, 12/30/89)

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