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On June 7, the Senate pacification committee chairperson Enrique Bernales told reporters that since President Alberto Fujimori took office, 1,394 people have died in political violence. The death toll for the 11-year civil war was 20,114. An estimated 3,000 people, said Bernales, had disappeared after being arrested by the army and the police. Most persons killed in political violence died during the administration of Alan Garcia (1985-1990), for an average of 199 per month. In the 1980-1985 period, or the tenure of Fernando Belaunde Terry, 5,800 people were killed. Bernales said that in May this year, 526 people died "as a result of the civil war." According to the senator, Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) was responsible for 138 terrorist acts last month, and the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA), 18. The perpetrators of another 20 such incidents were unknown. (Basic data from Inter Press Service, 06/07/91)

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