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On July 1, Economy Minister Carlos Bolona confirmed that the government will not raise wages of striking public sector employees by more than 45 sols (US$55). [The new currency was introduced July 1.] However, a 45 sol pay hike would double the current salaries received by slightly less than 500,000 civil servants. The government offer was rejected by teachers' union leaders. On strike for about 70 days thus far, the teachers are demanding a minimum salary of nearly $250 per month. According to Jose Ramos, general secretary of the United Education Workers Union (Sindicato Unitario de Trabajadores de la Educacion), the requested minimum is necessary to "cover at least the basic family wage basket." For the past month, a congressional committee has refused to approve tax increases requested by Bolona to reduce the fiscal deficit. The minister recently announced that the executive will be forced to resort to emergency decree. One of the decree would raise general sales taxes. According to opposition politicians, the sales tax hike would increase food prices by 15%. (Basic data from AFP, 07/01/91)

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