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On July 23, the Education Ministry announced the suspension of 45,000 public school school principals and assistant principals for having refused to act on President Alberto Fujimori's orders to terminate a prolonged strike. The school administrators are to be replaced by a "government committee," headed by a representative of students' parents. Strikers affiliated with the United Peruvian Education Workers Union (SUTEP) prevented dissident teachers and students accompanied by family members to enter school buildings on Monday. SUTEP members including teachers, staff and administrators have been on strike for over three months. (Basic data from AFP, 07/21/91; Notimex, 07/23/91)

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