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According to a report published July 29 by the Peruvian Human Rights Commission, in the past year 142 persons have disappeared after detention by Peruvian security forces. The Commission said the arrests by soldiers and police were witnessed by family members and others in locations placed under state of emergency restrictions. The report pointed out that participation in such arrest-disappearance cases by civilian militias (known as "rondas campesinas") increased during the previous 12 months, especially in Ayacucho department. The rondas are trained and equipped with weapons by the armed forces. According to the Commission, civilian militia members participated alongside soldiers in the detention of 18 agricultural workers in three Ayacucho communities in September last year. The corpses of the 18 victims were found in a common grave the following month. Similar cases, said the Commission, have occurred in Junin and Huancavelica departments. Statistics collected by the Commission indicate that of 238 reports of illegal arrests over the past year, the corpses of 24 victims were found at a later date, and the whereabouts of 142 are unknown.

[Basic data from La Republica (Lima), 07/29/91]

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