

Ruling on Shining Path Rebels Angers Peru

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LIMA, [Peru](#), Jan. 10 — A ruling by an international human rights court telling Peru's government to honor 41 leftist rebels killed in a 1992 prison raid has provoked public indignation, and the government is considering withdrawing from the court.

The ruling has reopened scars of a rebellion that raged from 1980 to 1998. Javier Velásquez, leader of the governing APRA party in Congress, said after meeting with President Alan García on Monday that the authorities were mulling Peru's withdrawal from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, which issued the ruling.

The court serves to uphold and promote human rights in the Americas under the 1969 American Convention on Human Rights.

The court demanded in December that the government apologize for the bloody 1992 raid on the Miguel Castro prison, pay compensation to the families of 41 rebels from the Maoist [Shining Path](#) group killed there and put their names on a monument to thousands of victims of hostilities in Peru.

The verdict set off a wave of anger in Peru over what many see as honoring terrorists and killers.

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