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First published in Peru in 1990, The Shining Path was immediately hailed as one of the finest works on the insurgency that plagued that nation for over fifteen years. A richly detailed and absorbing account, it covers the dramatic years between the guerrillas' opening attack in 1980 and President Fernando Belaunde's reluctant decision to send in the military to contain the growing rebellion in late 1982. Covering the strategy, actions, successes, and setbacks of both the government and the rebels, the book shows how the tightly organized insurgency forced itself upon an unwilling society just after the transition from an authoritarian to a democratic regime. One of Peru's most distinguished journalists, Gustavo Gorriti first covered the Shining Path movement for the leading Peruvian newsweekly, Caretas. Drawing on hundreds of interviews and an impressive array of government and Shining Path documents, he weaves his careful research into a vivid
portrait of the now-jailed Shining Path leader Abimael Guzman, Belaunde and his generals, and the unfolding drama of the fiercest war fought on Peruvian soil since the Chilean invasion a century before. The current insurgency in Peru is an expression of a larger, historically based conflict between the traditional societies of the sierra and the modern, Spanish-speaking culture of the coastal plain. This dichotomy, which began with the Spanish conquest, has played a powerful role in shaping modern Peruvian history, ensuring that even under central government, Peru has remained culturally divided. This report examines the urban guerrilla campaign of Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path). It assesses Sendero's organization and operations within the city and the integrated role played by the urban and rural campaigns in the movement's larger theory of victory. The study examines the factors that brought Sendero into the city and the ideological and organizational assumptions that underlie its approach to urban operations, and compares them with those of the other South American urban guerrilla organizations of the late 1960s and early 1970s. The author discusses Sendero's position within and around Lima, the nature of its position elsewhere in Lima department and the surrounding central highlands, and the implications of this position for Sendero's general game plan against Lima and the central government. He examines recent trends in the movement's counter-urban campaign in the interior and what they suggest about Sendero's growth and level of consolidation in the sierra; he also discusses the difficulties Sendero has encountered in operating in an urban environment. Finally, he presents a net assessment of the strengths and limitations of Sendero's urban campaign and its implications for the stability of the prevailing order and the future of Peru. An account of Peru's Shining Path explores the impact of the terrorist revolutionaries on Peru, exposing the group's history, ideology, and global links, and examining the potential international implications of the Shining Path. The Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) guerrilla movement emerged in Peru in the 1980s as the most radical and dogmatic expression of Marxist revolution in the Western Hemisphere. Led by a former philosophy professor at the University of Huamanga in Ayacucho, it developed its militantly orthodox Maoist principles from the mid-1960s onward with a small band of committed supporters, virtually ignored by the outside world. But after more than 20,000 deaths and $20 billion in damage in over a decade of relentless pursuit of the people's war, Sendero is now taken very seriously indeed. This is the first book in English to provide a truly comprehensive view of
Shining Path. To do so, it brings together fifteen scholars, journalists, and development workers from Peru, the United States, and Europe who, from a variety of perspectives and disciplines, have studied one facet or another of Sendero. The underlying rationale for this edited study is that Shining Path forms such a distinct phenomenon that no single author can capture the full scope of the movement. Presented together, however, they succeed. The first comprehensive study of the Shining Path, the Maoist sect of indigenous people who waged a brutal war in Peru during the 1980s and early 1990s in an attempt to effect a Communist revolution. This case study examines variables on why terrorist groups endure with a focus on variables suggested by Audrey Cronin, Seth Jones and Martin Libicki. The study then applies these variables to the Shining Path of Peru. The case looks at why the shining path has endured Peruvian government's efforts to eradicate the group. The variables that have contributed the most to the shining path's endurance are repression and misuse of military force, inadequate policing and intelligence efforts, lack of success and victory by the group, unsuccessful negotiations with the Peruvian government and inability of the group to integrate into the political process. This study analyzes the Peruvian Maoist Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) movement to discover an explanation for its survival and growth in power. The nature of the insurgency, to include the movement's goals, forms of warfare, ideology, strategy, organization and unity, popular support, and external support are analyzed within the context of the Peruvian environment and the government response. The author concludes that the Shining Path's survival and growth in power results from the movement's superior strategy, its organizational capability, and the government's response. The Shining Path has adapted Maoism to Peru's current realities. Its strategy, although controversial for its use of terrorism and sabotage of Peru's economic infrastructure, has proven successful to date. Most importantly, it has a cohesive organization that is remarkably adaptable. The Shining Path's external support network aids in politically isolating the Peruvian government internationally and provides significant funding from coca cultivation. The government's failure to recognize the nature of the insurgency, its seeking of a primarily military solution to the insurgency, and the brutal repression it has imposed has contributed to the Shining Path's success. Shining Path, Sendero Luminoso, Peru, insurgency, civil defense forces, Abimael Guzman, Luis Arce Borge, Ayacucho, coca, Maoism drug trafficking, Upper Huallaga Valley, Fujimori, rondas. This study concerns the Shining Path of Peru and its relationship
with the emergent democratic government during the presidencies of Belaunde, Garcia and Fujimori. This thesis was to collected pertinent evidence that can help the reader to understand the rise and fall of the Shining Path in Peru, providing the proper facts that support its defeat by the Fujimori presidency. The methodology used in this work relied on a comprehensive account of historical information of the economic, political and social situation in Peru during 1980s-1990s trying to explain how the Shining Path evolved from a regional organization to a highly organized insurgent group bringing Peru's government to the brink of terror and generalized fear. Additionally, the study is based in the analyses of Fujimori's new policies dealing with terrorism and his controversial self-coup of 1992 leading with the capture of Shining Path's leader Abimael Guzman. Fujimori's new approaches for old problems policies successfully defeated the serious terrorist threat that the Shining Path represented for the Peruvian government proving that the Shining Path no longer represents a security concern for the Peruvian government. However, the author recommends the implementation of a consistent national reconciliation plan that will serve as a unifying mechanism to overcome the potential drivers of conflict such as economic exclusion, social injustice and repression against the vast majority of Indigenous people in Peru. Furthermore, the execution of diverse social programs that can mitigate the drivers of conflict must be addressed accordingly by the current administration in order to avoid the development of new reactionary movements in the years to come.

When Peruvian public intellectual José Carlos Agüero was a child, the government imprisoned and executed his parents, who were members of Shining Path. In The Surrendered—originally published in Spanish in 2015 and appearing here in English for the first time—Agüero reflects on his parents' militancy and the violence and aftermath of Peru's internal armed conflict. He examines his parents' radicalization, their lives as guerrillas, and his tumultuous childhood, which was spent in fear of being captured or killed, while grappling with the complexities of public memory, ethics and responsibility, human rights, and reconciliation. Much more than a memoir, The Surrendered is a disarming and moving consideration of what forgiveness and justice might mean in the face of hate. This edition includes an editor's introduction, a timeline of the Peruvian conflict, and an extensive interview with the author. A narrative history of the unlikely Maoist rebellion that terrorized Peru even after the fall of global Communism. On May 17, 1980, on the eve of Peru's presidential election, five masked men
stormed a small town in the Andean heartland. They set election ballots ablaze and vanished into the night, but not before planting a red hammer-and-sickle banner in the town square. The lone man arrested the next morning later swore allegiance to a group called Shining Path. The tale of how this ferocious group of guerrilla insurgents launched a decade-long reign of terror, and how brave police investigators and journalists brought it to justice, may be the most compelling chapter in modern Latin American history, but the full story has never been told. Described by a U.S. State Department cable as “cold-blooded and bestial,” Shining Path orchestrated bombings, assassinations, and massacres across the cities, countryside, and jungles of Peru in a murderous campaign to seize power and impose a Communist government. At its helm was the professor-turned-revolutionary Abimael Guzmán, who launched his single-minded insurrection alongside two women: his charismatic young wife, Augusta La Torre, and the formidable Elena Iparraguirre, who married Guzmán soon after Augusta’s mysterious death. Their fanatical devotion to an outmoded and dogmatic ideology, and the military’s bloody response, led to the death of nearly 70,000 Peruvians. Orin Starn and Miguel La Serna’s narrative history of Shining Path is both panoramic and intimate, set against the socioeconomic upheavals of Peru’s rocky transition from military dictatorship to elected democracy. They take readers deep into the heart of the rebellion, and the lives and country it nearly destroyed. We hear the voices of the mountain villagers who organized a fierce rural resistance, and meet the irrepressible black activist María Elena Moyano and the Nobel Prize-winning novelist Mario Vargas Llosa, who each fought to end the bloodshed. Deftly written, The Shining Path is an exquisitely detailed account of a little-remembered war that must never be forgotten. This report examines the threat to Peruvian stability posed by the guerrilla group Sendero Luminoso (the Shining Path), and the degree to which this problem has been compounded by economic and political crisis. The author discusses the Shining Path, its origins, organization, the nature of its support, the movement's governing doctrine and theory of victory, and the character of its rural and urban campaigns. He then discusses those variables that are likely to determine the direction, growth, and prospects of the insurgency in the future; the capabilities and limitations of the Peruvian army; the nature of the country's current economic and associated political crises; the prospects for, and possible consequences of, a military coup; and the net strengths and weaknesses of the Shining Path. Finally, he considers what all of this could mean for
the future of Peru. How can Shining Path's growth, and its mounting internal political crisis, be explained? Why are its perspectives so destructive to the working class in Peru and worldwide? What is the alternative for workers and peasants fighting to defend their interests against the landlords and factory owners? Between 1980 and 1994, Peru endured a bloody internal armed conflict, with some 69,000 people killed in clashes involving two insurgent movements, state forces, and local armed groups. In 2003, a government-sponsored “Truth and Reconciliation Committee” reported that the conflict lasted longer, affected broader swaths of the national territory, and inflicted higher costs, in both human and economic terms, than did any other conflict in Peru’s history. Of those killed, 75 percent were speakers of an indigenous language, and almost 40 percent were among the poorest and most rural members of Peruvian society. These unequal impacts of the violence on the Peruvian people revealed deep and historical disparities within the country. This collection of original essays by leading international experts on Peruvian politics, society, and institutions explores the political and institutional consequences of Peru's internal armed conflict in the long 1980s. The essays are grouped into sections that cover the conflict itself in historical, comparative, and theoretical perspectives; its consequences for Peru’s political institutions; its effects on political parties across the ideological spectrum; and its impact on public opinion and civil society. This research provides the first systematic and nuanced investigation of the extent to which recent and contemporary Peruvian politics, civil society, and institutions have been shaped by the country's 1980s violence. This site includes internet resources, books, documents, periodicals, and a video on the terrorist and insurgent organization the Shining Path/Sendero Luminoso of Peru. All sources are in English. This is the first book in English to provide a truly comprehensive view of Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso), a major guerilla movement in Peru. Sendero’s Maoist principles first begin in the 1960s with a small band of supporters and no attention from the outside world, but later emerged as the most radical and dogmatic expression of Marxist revolution in the Hemisphere. Born in 1921, Manuel Llamojha Mitma became one of Peru's most creative and inspiring indigenous political activists. Now Peru Is Mine combines extensive oral history interviews with archival research to chronicle his struggles for indigenous land rights and political inclusion as well as his fight against anti-Indian racism. His compelling story—framed by Jaymie Patricia Heilman's historical contextualization—covers
nearly eight decades, from the poverty of his youth and teaching himself to read, to becoming an internationally known activist. Llamojha also recounts his life's tragedies, such as being forced to flee his home and the disappearance of his son during the war between the Shining Path and the government. His life gives insight into many key developments in Peru's tumultuous twentieth-century history, among them urbanization, poverty, racism, agrarian reform, political organizing, the demise of the hacienda system, and the Shining Path. The centrality of his embrace of his campesino identity forces a rethinking of how indigenous identity works inside Peru, while the implications of his activism broaden our understanding of political mobilization in Cold War Latin America. This is the first book in English to provide a truly comprehensive view of Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso), a major guerilla movement in Peru. Sendero's Maoist principles first begin in the 1960s with a small band of supporters and no attention from the outside world, but later emerged as the most radical and dogmatic expression of Marxist revolution in the Hemisphere. High up on a steep mountainside in the Peruvian Andes and Indian shepherd boy watched his flock. Though he could never have imagined it, God had chosen him for a remarkable task. The divine plan for Romulo Saune's life would lead him out of the isolation and poverty of his remote mountain village to a place of leadership in His church, ultimately standing on the world stage with other international Christian leaders. God's plan would take a boy handicapped by a learning disability--nearly illiterate--and eventually place him at the head of a team of scholars translating the Bible into the Quechua language. But at the light of the gospel penetrated the remote mountain regions of Peru, another and very different gospel began to spread. The Shining Path--one of the world's most violent terrorist groups--fanned out into the highlands in a ruthless campaign to coerce people to join their cause. They believed that Peru's hope lay solely in the Maoist vision of a socialist society. The Christians were just as convinced that Jesus Christ alone has the answers for the human heart and for the problems plaguing Peruvian society. A collision was inevitable. In the time of incredible suffering for the church, one man's heroism and commitment to Christ stands out. This is the story of his life. From 1980 to 1992, Maoist Shining Path rebels, Peruvian state forces, and Andean peasants waged a bitter civil war that left some 69,000 people dead. Using archival research and oral interviews, Before the Shining Path is the first long-term historical examination of the Shining Path's political, economic, and social
antecedents in Ayacucho, the department where the Shining Path initiated its war. This study uncovers rural Ayacucho's vibrant but largely unstudied twentieth-century political history and contends that the Shining Path was the last and most extreme of a series of radical political movements that indigenous peasants pursued. The Shining Path's violence against rural indigenous populations exposed the tight hold of anti-Indian prejudice inside Peru, as rebels reproduced the same hatreds they aimed to defeat. But, this was nothing new. Heilman reveals that minute divides inside rural indigenous communities repeatedly led to violent conflict across the twentieth century.

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