



URGENT APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The IEC is in an emergency funds crisis. We have been sustained entirely by donations from supporters, including through our Give-One-Day's Wages call, which has been answered by countless people from all parts of the world, from Australia and U.S. to India and Mexico... But the IEC campaign has expanded farther and more quickly than anyone (either friend or foe!) could have anticipated, and presently the level of financial support we are now receiving is simply not enough to cover our expenses and accomplish our mission of defending the life of Abimael Guzman and the other political prisoners.

The telephone and fax bill constitutes the overwhelming bulk of our expenses. At this point, we have a telephone bill of over £6,000 (\$10,000). For four months, our lifeline, the Emergency Bulletins, have been sent by FAX and mail to organizers around the world. Recently, Le Monde reported that the military wanted to kill Dr Guzman by October 15, but the Peruvian government felt this was unwise due to "international pressure." By that time, we had put out 9 Emergency Bulletins, giving people the news they were getting nowhere else about Dr Guzman and the movement which was growing day by day around the world. The Bulletins have been essential for mounting this coordinated worldwide campaign which has produced quite a lot of "international pressure." Journalists also-- from Bangladesh, U.S., Netherlands, Turkey, Belgium, Japan, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Britain, etc.-- have used the Bulletins to report on the situation with Dr Guzman and the international campaign.

The second greatest expense for IEC has been organizing the delegations to Peru. By any measure, these delegations have impacted greatly on the situation in Peru with regard to Dr Guzman and the political prisoners. In Peru itself, millions of people throughout the country heard about the delegations, and they found the ways to tell us that many took heart in knowing people throughout the world are concerned with their situation living under the Fujimori dictatorship. Fujimori himself was required to denounce the delegations publicly on TV. Internationally, the horrendous human rights crimes have been made known to thousands through news of these trips, as well as meetings and interviews with the delegates. And it would be hard to put a sufficient value on the discussions the delegates were able to conduct with Dr Crespo and Dr Cartegena and the other Association of Democratic Lawyers who have since been sentenced to life imprisonment.

The delegations have been a great victory, but so far it has required the coordination of some 17 delegates from 6 countries. This would have been impossible to accomplish without a central IEC office. And air tickets alone for the delegates cost thousands of dollars, some of which was financed by IEC. At this point, we need to mount a 4th delegation, including delegates from 3rd World countries who will simply not be able to go without assistance from friends and supporters from around the world. Will this be possible?

Please contribute with One Day's Wages, or more... Donations in any currency are welcome, but it is preferable to send cheques in £(pounds) sterling made out to IEC. Send donations to:

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If you would like to receive our Emergency Bulletins, which come out every 6-7 days, please call or FAX us for more information: 44-71-482-0853