

# *Peru surpasses 10,000 coronavirus deaths*

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Lima, July 4 (RHC)-- Peru's COVID-19 death toll rose to 10,045 on Thursday, the health ministry said, a day after the Latin American nation began easing a lockdown in a bid to revive the economy.

The number of deaths rose by 185 in the last 24 hours, while the number of people infected rose to 292,004, the ministry said. Peru is Latin-America's worst-hit country after Brazil.

Among the latest victims is the leader of the Awajun indigenous people, Santiago Manuin, who died on Wednesday aged 63. Manuin was recognized with Spain's Queen Sofia Prize for his crusade in defense of the Amazon and indigenous rights.

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