

# *Ten former soldiers are sentenced in Peru for sexual violations*

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According to data from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Peru, during the period of the internal armed conflict, 83 percent of the perpetrators belonged to the Army. Source: @Poder\_Judicial\_

Lima, June 23 (RHC)-- The Peruvian Judiciary has convicted ten former soldiers of multiple sexual abuses committed against nine women from the districts of Manta and Vilca, in the Huancavelica region, between 1984 and 1995, during the period of the internal armed conflict that shook the country.

The First National Superior Criminal Court for Temporary Liquidation sentenced Rufino Donato Rivera Quispe, Vicente Yance Collahuaco, Epifanio Delfín Quiñones Loyola, Amador Gutiérrez Lisarbe, Arturo Simarra García, Lorenzo Inga Romero to ten years in prison; 12 years in prison for Sabino Rodrigo Valentín Rutti; eight years for Martín Sierra Gabriel and six for Pedro Pérez López.

In the case of Julio Julián Meza García, Gabriel Carrasco Vásquez and Gutiérrez Herrera, judgment is reserved, since they are found as contumacious prisoners. In addition to setting the aforementioned penalties, the Court determined that each defendant pay the sum of 100,000 soles (more than 26,000 dollars) to each of the victims.

According to the Peruvian feminist organization Demus, the criminal process, which began in 2009, was suspended in 2018 due to lack of impartiality among the judges who made up Collegiate B of the National Criminal Chamber.

The Single Registry of Victims of the Ministry of Justice shows that during the internal armed conflict, between 1980 and 2000, more than 5,300 women were victims of sexual abuse.

In 1984, the army settled in the community of Manta to take control of the area. From there, reports of sexual violations of local women began, including minors. These allegations were included in the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (CVR) in 2003, allowing the provincial prosecutor's office to begin preliminary investigations.

The National Human Rights Coordinator (Cnddhh) asserted on social network X that the sentence issued represents a historic condemnation for Peru in the fight against crimes against humanity.

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