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• Finally, on 11 February in Tehran, the office of Iran's revolutionary prosecutor was reportedly attacked with rocket fire, and two-thirds of the building was destroyed. Although no group claimed credit, the Mujahedin may have been responsible.

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Mexico

#### Veteran DEA Officer, Mexican Pilot Kidnaped

On 7 February in Guadalajara, US Drug Enforcement Agency officer Enrique Camarena Salazar was abducted by four armed men believed to be associated with narcotics traffickers. In a probably related development, a Mexican pilot said to have flown drug suppression missions in Mexico was reportedly abducted two hours later. At the time of his abduction, Camarena was assigned to several cases involving the numerous major drug traffickers and drug trafficking gangs known to be operating in Mexico. The US Ambassador announced that, in view of this kidnaping, US diplomatic installations in Mexico would increase their security precautions, especially for other US Government personnel who might be targeted.

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Peru

#### Sendero Luminoso's Glowing Welcome to Pope John Paul II

As the Pope's plane landed at Lima airport on 5 February, the group set off explosions that felled electric powerline pylons, blacking out the city of 5 million souls. Moments later on a montainside north of Lima, the group set ablaze a huge hammer and sickle symbol, lighting up the sky. It was an unusually imaginative gesture for one of the most humorless groups around.

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#### **US Oil Company Hostages Rescued**

On 9 February a previously unknown, probably local rebel group, the "Armed Forces of the Military Democratic Council," took three US citizens hostage at the site of their Esso Oil Company rig. One of the three was soon released to bring out a communique. Later the other two hostages were released briefly and alternately to ferry demands to the company and responses to the captors. Initial demands for food, medicine, money, and a pullback of government troops were met, but other demands for arms, radios, and air time on an international radiobroadcast were turned down. On 13 February the Chadian armed forces attacked the site, freeing the two hostages and reportedly killing two of their captors.

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**Philippines** 

### Hotel Fire Not Act of Terrorism

It has been determined that a major hotel fire in Manila that an ostensible terrorist group had claimed credit for setting was instead the result of arson committed by disgruntled hotel employees. The 13 February fire at the Manila Regent Hotel left at least 27 persons dead, including five Americans. A previously unheard-from group called the "Angels" claimed it had started the blaze in protest against US and Japanese support for the regime of President Ferdinand Marcos.

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