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PERU: 20-YEAR CONFLICT CLAIMED 60,000 The death toll from a brutal, 20-year conflict that ended in 2000 is now thought to number up to 60,000, far higher than earlier estimates, a Truth and Reconciliation Commission investigating the violence announced at the United Nations. The conflict, which pitted the government against the Maoist Shining Path rebels and the Marxist Tupac Amaru movement, had been thought to have claimed about 25,000 lives until it ended with the capture of top guerrilla leaders. The commission said most of the victims were indigenous Peruvians. Juan Forero (NYT)