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Further information on UA 24/91 (AMR 19/01/91, 25 January 1991) - Death Threats

**Brazil: João Lucas da Silva
Cícero da Silva
José Cícero da Silva
Maria Aparecida Pedrosa**

João Lucas da Silva, Cícero da Silva and José Cícero da Silva, leaders of the Rural Workers Union of Palmares, Pernambuco, Brazil, and Maria Aparecida Pedrosa, legal advisor to the same union, had reportedly received repeated death threats and harassment.

On 11 March 1991 Maria Aparecida Pedrosa B. da Silva whose husband, José Helio da Silva, was murdered on 13 December 1990, wrote to Amnesty International thanking the organization for the attention devoted to her case. She stated that almost nothing had been done to find her husband's killers and that João Lucas da Silva, Cícero da Silva, José Cícero da Silva and herself were still under threat and receiving no police protection. Fear for her own safety has now led her to leave her job working with rural people of the area and move to Recife where she feels safer.

She ended by stressing the importance of continued letter writing expressing concern over the lack of progress of the investigation into the murder of her husband.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/airmail letters:

- stressing concern at the reported failure of the authorities to grant adequate protection to João Lucas da Silva, Cícero da Silva, José Cícero da Silva and Maria Aparecida Pedrosa;

- requesting information about the progress of the investigation of the killing of José Hélio da Silva near Joaquim Nabuco on 13 December 1990.

APPEALS TO:

Exmo Sr Jarbas Passarinho (Minister of Justice)
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Esplanada dos Ministérios
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Telegrams: Ministro Justiça, Brasilia, Brazil

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Sr Governador do Estado de Pernambuco
Sr. Joaquim Francisco Cavalcanti
Palácio das Princesas
Praça da República (State Governor of
50.000 - Recife - PE - Brasil Pernambuco)

Telegrams: Governador Estado Pernambuco, Recife, Brasil

Sr. Secretário de Segurança Pública
do Estado de Pernambuco
Rua da Aurora, 487
Boa Vista 50.000 Recife
Pernambuco - Brasil (Public Security Chief)

**Telegrams: Secretario Seguranca Publica Pernambuco,
Recife, Brasil**

COPIES TO:

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or your section office if sending appeals after 14 May 1991.