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Further information on UA 155/96 (AMR 23/36/96, 26 June 1996) - Possible Extrajudicial Executions / "Disappearance" / Fear for Safety

COLOMBIA Jorge Alirio Salazar

new names:           Gabriel Agudelo Jiménez  
                          Felipe Pineda Ospina  
                          Gustavo Jaramillo

Gustavo López  
César López

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Amnesty International has just learned of the apparent extrajudicial executions of five more civilians from the municipality of San Roque, department of Antioquia. Their deaths heighten the organization's concern for the safety of inhabitants of the area as paramilitary activity there continues.

Gabriel Agudelo Jiménez was found dead on 29 September 1996, after having been abducted and taken to San José del Nus by members of one of the paramilitary groups that have been terrorizing the area. Felipe Pineda Ospina and Gustavo Jaramillo were killed on the night of 30 September. Their bodies showed signs of torture. On 4 October, Gustavo López and César López were abducted by members of a paramilitary group. They were taken to what the paramilitary group called their operational base in a football pitch in the town of Cristal. Their bodies, found on 7 October, also showed signs of torture.

The Municipality of San Roque is in a highly militarized region, and the area where the events took place is constantly patrolled by the military. Nevertheless, the paramilitary groups involved have been operating with total freedom and impunity. Reportedly, they have operated in some hamlets for up to eight days with the armed or security forces making no apparent attempt to prevent paramilitary operations or arrest paramilitary members.

Amnesty International has no further news on Jorge Alirio Salazar who remains "disappeared".

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Spanish or your own language:**

- calling for full and impartial investigations into the apparent extrajudicial execution by members of paramilitary groups of Gabriel Agudelo Jiménez, Felipe Pineda Ospina, Gustavo Jaramillo, Gustavo López and César López in the municipality of San Roque, Antioquia, for the results to be made public and those responsible to be brought to justice;
- calling for immediate measures to protect the population of San Roque from the threat posed by the paramilitary groups;
- expressing concern at the lack of arrests despite the presence of armed and security forces in the areas in which paramilitary groups are operating;

**Also if possible:**

- urge the government to immediately fulfil its commitment to disband paramilitary forces presently operating as auxiliaries of the armed forces or with the complicity of the armed forces. Members of such forces responsible for cooperating with paramilitary groups should be brought to justice.

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