

EXTERNAL

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29 January 1996

Further information on UA 06/96 (AMR 29/01/96, 10 January 1996) - Death threats / fear for safety

EL SALVADOR Adrián Esquino Lisco, Nahuat Indian

new name: Maximiliano Bran García

Maximiliano Bran García, member of the *Asociación Nacional Indígena Salvadoreña* (ANIS), Salvadorean National Indigenous Association, and resident of the *Las Hojas* cooperative in the department of Sonsonate, was threatened by five armed men with painted faces who came to his house at 1.00am on 21 January 1996. The men, who did not identify themselves, told Maximiliano Bran García that "there would be another bloodshed in *Las Hojas* like the one on 22 February 1983 and that they would kill Adrián Esquino Lisco" ("*...que en Las Hojas va a correr sangre igual que a lo que ocurrió el 22 de febrero de 1983, y que asesinarán al hermano Adrián Esquino Lisco*").

On 22 February 1983, 16 indigenous peasants belonging to the ANIS *Las Hojas* cooperative were detained by members of the Jaguar battalion of the Salvadorean army. Their bodies were later found on the banks of the Cuyuapa River.

Amnesty International fears for the lives of Chief Adrián Esquino Lisco, other members of ANIS and their families and calls on the Salvadorean government to guarantee their physical safety.

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

- expressing extreme concern at the continuing death threats against Adrián Esquino Lisco, other members of ANIS and their families;
- urging the Salvadorean authorities to take immediate measures to guarantee the safety of all the members of ANIS, including the residents of their cooperatives in Sonsonate;
- calling for steps to be taken immediately to identify those responsible for the death threats and to bring them to justice.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Sr. Ministro / Dear Minister

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and to diplomatic representatives of El Salvador accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 March 1996.