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Further information on UA 50/01 (AMR 34/005/2001, 7/3/01) - Fear for Safety

GUATEMALA Marta Elena Pichol Guarcax (f), aged 16

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Amnesty International has been informed that Marta Elena Pichol Guarcax reappeared on 7 March 2001. No further details are yet available. She had been missing since 19 February and was believed to have been abducted.

Marta is the sister of Ana María Pichol Guarcax, who was allegedly raped repeatedly by a former military when she was 12 years old (see UA 128/00, AMR 34/15/00, 22 May 2000 and follow-ups). The girls, their family and others who have supported them in their efforts to bring Ana María's assailant to justice have received repeated death threats. With the ex-commissioner about to go on trial for the rapes and child sexual abuse, it had been feared that Marta's apparent abduction was linked to the case.

**No further action by the UA Network is requested at present. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.**