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Further information on UA 289/91 (AMR 34/40/91, 28 August 1991) - Death Threats

GUATEMALA: Amílcar MÉNDEZ URÍZAR

Amnesty International has learned of renewed threats against CERJ President Amílcar Méndez Urizar, only five days after he received a written death threat.

On 29 August 1991, at approximately 7.30 a.m., four unidentified men reportedly arrived at the home of the sister of Amílcar Méndez in Colonia (neighbourhood) San Francisco, Guatemala City. Two of the men were reportedly wearing military clothes, and the other two were dressed in black. They asked for Amílcar Méndez but he was not there. The four men apparently proceeded to ask neighbours if they knew of the whereabouts of Amílcar Méndez. After this incident, Amílcar Méndez contacted the Minister of Interior to inquire whether the men were officers from the Ministry, but according to Amnesty International's information, the Minister said that the men had not been sent by the Ministry.

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

- expressing concern at the continued threats against Amílcar Méndez Urizar;
- asking for guarantees for his safety and for the safety of other CERJ members;
- asking for an immediate and impartial investigation into this and previous threats;
- urging that the results of the investigation be made public and that those found to be responsible for the threats be brought to justice.

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3.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Guatemala in your country.

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