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Further information on UA 283/97 (AMR 41/80/97, 22 August 1997) - Fear for Safety

MEXICOMaría Eugenia Cázares (f)

David Díaz Cázares, 22 years old and their family

On 10 February 1997 David Díaz Cázares was attacked by six unidentified men. His nose was broken and he sustained minor injuries.

On 11 February his mother, Maria Eugenia Cazares, visited the state Attorney to file a complaint about the attack. She was reportedly told: "*pues sí Señora está usted y su familia en muy grave peligro*" ("Yes Miss, you and your family are in serious danger").

Reportedly the family is being subjected to a series of threats and other acts of intimidation as a result of a complaint filed by María Eugenia Cazares concerning the rape of her 16-year-old daughter on 16 March 1997 (see original UA). Maria Eugenia Cázares has made a number of public statements against local authorities about their handling of this case.

These incidents have heightened Amnesty International's fear for the safety of the Cázares family.

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

- calling for the perpetrators of the attack on David Díaz Cázares to be brought to justice immediately;
- expressing deep alarm about the lack of effort to protect Maria Eugenia Cázares and her family and urging the government to take immediate measures to guarantee their safety and asking to be kept informed of developments;
- expressing support for the work of Maria Eugenia Díaz Cázares and emphasizing the need for appropriate protection to be given to all those involved.

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