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Further Information on UA 130/03 (AMR 53/007/2003, 9 May 2003) Death Threats/Fear for Safety

VENEZUELA

Enmary Cava (f)
Miguel Díaz Loreto (m)
Dinorah María Díaz Loreto (f)
Jairo Alexis Díaz Loreto (m)
Bladimir Díaz (m)
Alexandra Gualdrón (f),

On 10 May, Enmary Cava was shot six times by an unknown man in the town of Cagua in the State of Aragua. The man got out of an unidentified car and then shot her in the street at approximately 6 p.m. She remains in a critical condition in hospital, as does a female friend of hers who was also shot three times.

Few details have as yet come to light, but Amnesty International is concerned that the incident could be related to the escalating death threats that Enmary Cava and members of her family Dinorah María Díaz Loreto, Jairo Alexis Díaz Loreto, Bladimir Díaz, Miguel Díaz Loreto, Alexandra Gualdrón have been receiving, allegedly from agents of the Aragua State Police.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The family members have been pressing the local authorities to carry out an exhaustive investigation into the killing of brothers Robert Díaz Loreto and Antonio Díaz Loreto and their father Octavio Ignacio Díaz, who were killed in suspicious circumstances, by agents of the Aragua State Police on 6 January.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Spanish, English or your own language:

- expressing concern for the safety of Enmary Cava, her friend and other members of her family including Dinorah María Díaz Loreto, Jairo Alexis Díaz Loreto, Bladimir Díaz, Miguel Díaz Loreto, and Alexandra Gualdrón;
- urging the authorities to take action to guarantee their safety in accordance with their wishes;
- calling on the authorities to carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the attack against Enmary Cava and her friend, to publish the results and bring those responsible to justice;
- calling on the authorities to carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the death threats and harassment experienced by these individuals, to publish the results and bring those responsible to justice;
- calling on the authorities to carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the killings of Robert Díaz Loreto, Antonio Díaz Loreto and Octavio Ignacio Díaz, to publish the results and bring those responsible to justice.

APPEALS TO:Attorney General

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Salutation: Estimado Señor Fiscal General/Dear Attorney General

Local Governor

Gobernador de del estado Aragua
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Salutation: Estimado Señor/Dear Sir

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Salutation: Estimado Señor Comisario/Dear Sir

Human Rights Ombudsman

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Salutation: Estimado Señor/Dear Sir

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and to diplomatic representatives of Venezuela accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 26 June 2003.