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Fear for

BRAZILAna Oneide Lima (f)
Jony Igson Miranda da Silva (m), aged 13

Amnesty International is seriously concerned for the safety of Ana Oneide Lima, who has received death threats. She recently testified against a military policeman, who is accused of having shot Jony Igson Miranda da Silva in November 2001.

Over the past few months, Ana Oneide Lima has received a number of death threats by anonymous telephone callers. One of these said "deveria ter cuidado com sua vida, porque poderia acordar com a boca cheia de formiga" ("you should be careful with your life, because you could wake up with a mouth full of ants"). The term "mouth full of ants" is commonly used in death threats in Brazil as a way of saying "dead".

On 10 July, Ana Oneide Lima confirmed these death threats in court, in front of the accused policeman. According to reports, a second witness, who was also receiving death threats, did not attend the hearing. The policeman, who has been suspended from duty, has not been placed in custody.

Jony Igson Miranda da Silva is a 13 year old, who used to wash car windows at traffic lights. According to reports, on 20 November 2001, he asked the passengers of a car if they wanted their window cleaned. Although they said no, he carried on washing the window. Witnesses say that the military policeman, who was in the passenger seat of the car, asked Jony if he wanted a Christmas present. When Jony replied that he did, the policeman reportedly shot him at point-blank range. The bullet, which passed through Jony's arm and lodged in his body, is still inside him. The shooting has rendered him paraplegic, and it is unlikely that he will be able to walk again.

The Pará state governor has recently proposed that the state pay a monthly pension of R\$ 200 Brazilian Reais (about \$70 US) to Jony Igson Miranda da Silva. This sum falls far below the amount of money needed to treat and care for him.

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

- expressing serious concern for the safety of Ana Oneide Lima;
- asking the authorities to investigate the death threats she has received and to bring those responsible for these threats to justice;
- calling on the authorities to guarantee her safety and provide appropriate protection as determined by Ana Oneide Lima;
- expressing your concern at the shooting of Jony Igson Miranda da Silva and calling for the person responsible to be brought to justice;
- reminding the authorities of their obligations to provide full compensation to Jony Igson Miranda da Silva for his injuries suffered.

APPEALS TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Brazil accredited to your country.

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