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Further information on UA 386/00 (AMR 41/64/00, 20 December 2000) - Death Threats / Fear for safety

MEXICO Luciano Rodríguez Linares, Topo Chico Prison

On 10 January 2001, prison officials reportedly denied Luciano Rodríguez Linares's legal representative access to his client. A prison officer had previously threatened Luciano Rodríguez Linares with death if he filed a complaint. Amnesty International is concerned for his safety.

Luciano Rodríguez Linares is detained in Topo Chico Prison, Nuevo León State. On 7 December he was taken out of his cell and beaten. A prison officer reportedly inserted a finger in his anus, drawing blood. Luciano, who may also be being targeted because he is gay, was told he would be killed if he filed a complaint.

Luciano Rodríguez Linares is entitled, under Mexican law and international standards, to have access to his representative.

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

-expressing concern that on 10 January 2001 access was reportedly denied to Luciano Rodríguez Linares, a prisoner at Topo Chico prison, Nuevo León state;
-urging the authorities to take all necessary steps to ensure Luciano Rodríguez Linares's safety;
-reminding the authorities of their obligations under article 13 of the United Nations (UN) Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and Principle 18 of the UN Body of Principles for the Protection of all Persons Under and Form of Detention or Imprisonment to allow a prisoner access to their legal representative.

APPEALS TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Mexico accredited to your country.

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