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PERUDolores (Lola) Flores (f), human rights defender

Esteban Ríos

Other members of the Moyobamba Human Rights Committee

The men who shot and wounded her husband Esteban Ríos have been arrested, and local police have offered Lola Flores any protection she may need to carry on her human rights work in safety.

Lola Flores works for the *Comité de Derechos Humanos de Moyobamba*, Moyobamba Human Rights Committee, a non-governmental human rights organization based in the town of Moyobamba, San Martín department. In February 1999 a policeman reportedly threatened to shoot her, boasting that "*no pasaría nada*", "nothing would happen", if he did, when she went to a police station to file a complaint on behalf of a man who had been ill-treated by a drunk policeman.

In March her husband Esteban Ríos was beaten and then shot by two men in balaclavas who questioned him about his wife's work with the Moyobamba Human Rights Committee. According to the police investigation, the men who shot him are common criminals, and are now in Moyobamba prison awaiting trial before a military tribunal.

**No further action is requested by the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**