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Further information on UA 109/98 (AMR 19/12/98, 9 April 1998) - Fear for safety/  
Possible extrajudicial execution

**BRAZIL**Serenita Andrade Fernandes (f)  
Honório Sanchez Fernandes, her husband  
Jozóé Andrade Fernandes, her son, aged 8  
Carlos Cezar Borges Andrade Fernandes, her son, 10 (killed)

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Amnesty International has received news that three men - two gunmen and the policemen alleged to have hired them - have been arrested in connection with the murder of Carlos Cezar Borges Andrade Fernandes, aged 10, who was killed in January 1998.

Two men have admitted to carrying out the murder and claim that they were paid to do so by the local military policeman. They say that the killing was a "punishment" to the boy's mother for publicly expressing her suspicion that the policeman had been involved in the murder of her brother.

They have also admitted to previously murdering another boy, Ademir Oliveira, aged 12, whom they mistook for Carlos Cezar.

Civil police finally took action and investigated the case after the Brazilian authorities received over 2,000 letters from Amnesty International members calling for a thorough investigation, motivating the federal Ministry of Justice to intervene in the case. Once initiated, investigations were completed and arrests made within less than a week.

The non-governmental organization that brought the case to AI's attention wish to express their gratitude for the "support, involvement and commitment" of Amnesty International and wrote "we believe that it was only possible for us to obtain this result via the mediation and intervention of Amnesty International".

No further action is requested. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.