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Further information on UA 61/91 (AMR 34/07/91, 18 February 1991) - Possible Extrajudicial Executions

GUATEMALA: Juan PEREBAL MORALES, aged 26  
          Juan PEREBAL XIRUM, aged 60 (father of above)  
          Diego PEREBAL LEON (wounded)

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Amnesty International has learned that two people have been convicted and sentenced for the murder of Juan Perebal Morales and Juan Perebal Xirum and the injuring of Diego Perebal León, which took place in February 1991.

According to reports, on 6 July 1993 the Guatemalan Court of Appeals convicted Manuel Perebal Ajtzalam III and Manuel León Lares, who were both members of the Patrullas de Autodefensa Civil (PAC), Civil Defence Patrols, to 30 years in prison. In June 1992 the two men had been acquitted by a lower court.

Juan Perebal Morales and his father, Juan Perebal Xirum, were members of the Consejo de Comunidades Étnicas "Runujel Junam" (CERJ), Council of Ethnic Communities "We are all Equal". They had been repeatedly threatened since 1989 for their participation in the CERJ and their resignation from the Civil Patrols.

No further action is required from the Urgent Action Network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.