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Further information on UA 423/90 (AMR 23/53/90, 18 October 1990 and follow-up AMR 23/54/90, 23 October 1990) - Fear of "Disappearance"/Torture

COLOMBIA: Francisco SAPIZABAL, aged 24
 Luis CIASKIER, aged 30
 Jorge OCAMPO, aged 33

Amnesty International has received information from the Colombian Presidential Adviser on Human Rights that an official investigation has been opened into the killings of community leaders Francisco Sapizabal, Luis Ciaskier and Jorge Ocampo, who "disappeared" from Cali, Valle department, on 12 October 1990 after being seized by a group of armed men, reportedly including members of the police. Their bodies were found on 16 October 1990, with several gunshot sounds and showing signs of torture.

According to the information provided, the 28th Court of Criminal Instruction, *Juzgado 28 de Instrucción Criminal* has initiated the investigation into the killings and the preliminary proceedings are now in the hands of Cali's Judicial Police. As yet, those responsible for the killings have not been identified.

Whilst Amnesty International welcomes the investigation, there is concern that although many such investigations are opened in Colombia, only exceptionally do they lead to the identification and prosecution of those responsible for the human rights violations.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- continuing to express concern at the torture and killing of Francisco Sapizabal, Luis Ciaskier and Jorge Ocampo in circumstances suggesting they may have been victims of extrajudicial execution;
- welcoming the official investigation into the killings and urging that it be thorough and that the results made public.

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