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Further information (5) on UA 123/94 (13/03/94, 29 March 1994) and follow-ups (AMR 13/04/94, 18 May 1994; AMR 13/06/94, 18 October 1994; AMR 13/05/95, 27 October 1995; AMR 13/03/96, 15 March 1996) - Death in custody / Death Threats

**ARGENTINA**Diego RODRÍGUEZ LAGUENS, aged 26, forestry expert  
Dr Frederico Alfredo HUBER (Rodríguez Laguens family lawyer)  
Mabel Cristina Laguens de RODRÍGUEZ (f) (Diego's mother)  
**Felipe RODRÍGUEZ LAGUENS (Diego's brother)**

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Amnesty International has received reports of telephone death threats made against Dr Frederico Alfredo Huber and his family. Dr Frederico Alfredo Huber is the lawyer representing the family of Diego Rodríguez Laguens, who died in police custody in 1994.

Twelve members of the Jujuy police unit and two civilians are presently being tried on charges ranging from illegal detention, theft and failure to uphold public duties, to concealment and false statement.

Amnesty International continues to fear for the safety of Dr Frederico Alfredo Huber, and for that of relatives of the victim, the forensic expert and the main witnesses. These people, who are all involved in trying to clarify the circumstances of Diego Rodríguez Laguens' death, have previously been subjected to death threats and intimidation. The police and judicial investigations procedures have allegedly been hampered by members of the Jujuy police. The participation of the Federal Police, instead of the Provincial Police, in court security is still required.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of lawyer Dr Frederico Huber and his family, following death threats made against them by telephone;
- expressing concern that these threats appear to be connected to his work on behalf of the family of Diego Rodríguez Laguens, who was allegedly beaten to death in police custody in Jujuy in February 1994;
- seeking assurances that during the trial into the death of Diego Rodríguez Laguens, the safety of lawyers, forensic experts, witnesses and relatives of the victim will be adequately guaranteed so that they may participate without fear of intimidation;
- requesting that the participation of the Federal Police in court security and the protection of witnesses, experts and relatives be maintained.

**APPEALS TO:**

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Sr Ministro del Interior  
Sr Carlos Corach  
Ministerio del Interior  
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Balcarce 50, Buenos Aires, Argentina

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**Telegrams : Ministro Corach, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**Salutation: Sr Ministro/Dear Minister**

Governor of the Province of Jujuy

Sr. Gobernador de la  
Provincia de Jujuy  
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San Martín 450  
4600 San Salvador de Jujuy,  
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**Salutation: Sr. Gobernador/ Dear Governor**

**COPIES TO:**

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Diagonal 80, No.815  
1900 La Plata  
Provincia de Buenos Aires  
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and to diplomatic representatives of Argentina accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 10 July 1996.