

EXTERNAL

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Further information (1) on UA 17/97 (AMR 19/02/97, 17 January) - Fear for safety / possible extrajudicial executions

BRAZIL Aldemir Ricardo Gomes

José Marcos de Holanda Soares

- witnesses to the possible extrajudicial execution of the five men named below:

Wilson Soares de Souza

Walmir Barbosa da Silva

José Alexandre da Silva

Edmilson José de Oliveira

Antônio Gerônimo da Silva Júnior

The Public Prosecutor has decided not to bring charges against Aldemir Ricardo Gomes and José Marcos de Holanda Soares for their suspected involvement in the murder of a policeman, Moisés Francisco de Melo Júnior, and a police informant, José Carlos Valdelino Passos.

The two men have since been released.

Nineteen policemen have been charged with homicide for their involvement in the extrajudicial executions of Wilson Soares de Souza, Walmir Barbosa da Silva, José Alexandre da Silva, Edmilson José de Oliveira and Antônio Gerônimo da Silva Júnior.

No further action by the Urgent Action Network is necessary at present. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.