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Further information on 212/92 (AMR 19/16/92, 24 June 1992) - Further Threats

BRAZIL: Carlos Alberto Ivanir DOS SANTOS, Executive Secretary of Centro de Articulação de Populações Marginalizadas (CEAP), Centre for the Mobilization of Marginalized Populations and all human rights workers at CEAP

Amnesty International has learned that human rights workers at the Centro de Articulação de Populações Marginalizadas (CEAP), Centre for the Mobilization of Marginalized Populations, have been subjected to further threats.

According to information received by Amnesty International, on 23 June 1992 CEAP received a letter addressed to Carlos Alberto Ivanir dos Santos from a group claiming to be called Grupo para uma Sociedade Sem Marginais, Group for a Society Without Marginalized. In their letter the group accuses Carlos Alberto Ivanir dos Santos of "...smearing the image of people who are doing good to our society by killing the weed by its root", [i.e. killing street children], "... o senhor vem tentando sujar a imagem de varias pessoas que anda fazendo um bem para a nossa sociedade, cortando pela raiz uma erva daninha".

The group also accuses CEAP of "making a fortune by defending marginalized people", "são os pequenos marginais que vocês ganham fortuna defendendo,...". The letter threatens CEAP with the beating of its members: "If you do not stop we will beat you up ...three times and not twice", "se vocês não pararem com isso vamos repar somente tres e não dois."

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes and airmail letters

- expressing concern at the reported death threats to Carlos Alberto Ivanir dos Santos and the other human rights workers of the *Centro de Articulação de Populações Marginalizadas* (CEAP);

- urging that these threats and the death threats previously received by CEAP on 13 June 1992 be thoroughly investigated and that those found responsible be brought to justice;

- requesting that steps be taken to ensure that all the human rights workers of the CEAP are able to carry out their work without fear for their physical safety.

APPEALS TO:

1. Minister of Justice

Sr. Célio Borja
Ministério da Justiça
Esplanada dos Ministérios
Bloco 23
70.064 Brasília, DF
Brazil

Telegrams: Ministro Justiça, Brazilia, Brazil
Telexes: 611003 MNJU BR; 611088 MNJU BR;
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Salutation: Sr. Ministro de Justiça / Dear Minister

2. State Governor, Rio de Janeiro

Sr. Leonel Brizola
Palácio Guanabara
Rua Pinheiro Machado s/n
22.231 Rio de Janeiro - RJ
Brazil

Telegrams: Governador Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Faxes: +55 21 2857490

Salutation: Vossa Excelência / Your Excellency

3. State Secretary of Public Security

Sr. Nilo Batista
Rua Barão de Itambi
Nº 60, 9º andar, Botafogo
22.231 - Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil

Telegrams: Secretário de Segurança Pública, Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Salutation: Sr. Secretário / Dear Sir

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Centre for the Mobilization of Marginalized Populations
Centro de Articulação de Populações Marginalizadas (CEAP)
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Centro - Rio de Janeiro
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and to diplomatic representatives of BRAZIL in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 14 August 1992.