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Further information (1) on EXTRA 68/96 (AMR 19/21/96, 16 May 1996) - Fear for Safety

**BRAZIL250 members of the Guarani-Kaiowá indigenous community in Jarará**

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On 22 May 1996, Judge Teothonio Costa of the 3rd Regional Federal Tribunal revoked his decision of 25 April which would have resulted in the eviction of some 250 Guarani-Kaiowá Indians from the village of Jarará in Juti, Mato Grosso do Sul. The eviction was to have taken place on 23 May.

On 21 and 22 May, the 3rd Regional Federal Tribunal had unanimously rejected appeals by both the State Public Ministry (*Ministério Público Estadual*) and Federal Attorney General's office (*Ministério Público Federal*) contesting the 25 April decision. However, after meeting with a deputation of indigenous leaders, Judge Teothonio Costa withdrew his original 25 April ruling that the Kaiowá Indians should be removed from the land in question, pending the court proceedings on the full merit of the dispute.

The Indians may now remain on the land while the case is *sub-judice*. If the final decision on the merit of the case goes against the Kaiowá, they may be later evicted from the land.

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