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Further information on UA 456/91 (AMR 23/72/91, 20 December 1991) - Possible Extrajudicial Executions and new concerns for new names - Fear of Extrajudicial Execution / "Disappearance"

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and new names: Carlos Edgar TORRES APARICIO, lawyer and university professor
Rodolfo ALVAREZ, lawyer
Etnio VIDARDO, anthropologist

Amnesty International has learned with concern of the killing of Carlos Edgar Torres Aparicio and Rodolfo Alvarez on 8 January 1992 and is concerned for the safety of Etnio Vidardo, who has not been seen since 8 January.

All three men had been working on the investigation of a massacre which took place on 16 December 1991 of at least 20 members of the Paez Indigenous community (named above) who had been occupying a property called "El Nilo" near the town of Caloto in Cauca department (see original urgent action). In addition to the investigation, they had also been working to help those who survived the massacre.

According to reports, Professor Edgar Torres was killed at approximately 8.30 pm at his home in Cali, Valle department, by two armed men who burst into his house and shot him dead in front of his wife and children. Lawyer Rodolfo Alvarez was reportedly killed less than an hour later, also in Cali. The same night, anthropologist Etnio Vidardo left his home in Cali to attend the wake of one of his two friends and did not return. His whereabouts remain unknown and there is serious concern for his safety. All three men were members of the Partido Revolucionario de los Trabajadores (PRT), Revolutionary Workers Party, a former armed opposition group whose members disbanded and returned to civilian life at the beginning of 1991 to form a legal left-wing party.

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

- expressing concern at the killing of Professor Carlos Edgar Torres Aparicio and of Rodolfo Alvarez;

- urging that there should be an immediate inquiry into their deaths, the results of which should be made public and those responsible brought to justice;

- expressing concern for the safety of Etnio Vidardo and requesting an immediate and effective investigation to establish his whereabouts;

- urging that if he is in detention, his legal situation be clarified and he be immediately released unless charged with a recognizable criminal offence;

- urging that if he is in detention, he be humanely treated and that he be provided with full access to a lawyer and relatives;

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- urging that the investigations into the killing of 20 members of the Paez Indigenous community in Cauca department, reportedly by paramilitary forces, continue, that the results of these should be made public, and that those responsible should be brought to justice and punished;

- urging the authorities to take all possible measures to protect the lives of those involved in these and all investigations into human rights violations so that they can carry out their lawful activities in safety.

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