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Further information on UA 16/93 (AMR 23/03/93, 21 January 1993) - Death Threats/Fear of safety and new concern Possible Extrajudicial Execution

COLOMBIA: Jose del Carmen PEÑA  
Leonardo PINEDA  
Leonardo RANGEL  
Rosendo FONSECA  
Roque SANDOVAL  
Alvaro QUIROGA

and new name: Isnardo GARCIA CARREÑO

Amnesty International has learned with concern of the killing of *campesinos* (peasant farmers) Leonardo Rangel and Isnardo Garcia Carreño on 29 January 1993 from the community of San Cristobal, San Vicente de Chucurí in the department of Santander, in circumstances suggesting they may have been victims of extrajudicial execution.

According to reports, Leonardo Rangel and Isnardo Garcia Carreño were captured during the night of 28 January 1993 by paramilitary forces and taken to a place known as Puente de las Arugas where they were tortured and later killed in the morning of 29 January.

On 21 January 1993 Amnesty International expressed its concern for the safety of a number of men from San Cristobal, including Leonardo Rangel, who were being threatened by a paramilitary group for refusing to participate in counter-insurgency operations against guerrilla forces operating in the area (see UA 16/93, AMR 23/03/93, 21 January 1993). Leonardo Rangel and Isnardo Carreño (whose name was not known to Amnesty International at that time) were among a group of men who were specifically told that they would be killed if they did not give their immediate assistance to the paramilitary group. The San Cristobal community has been under threat by paramilitary groups and the Colombian army's Mobile Brigade No. 1, Brigada Móvil No. 1 since 1990.

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

- expressing concern at the killing of Leonardo Rangel and Isnardo Garcia Carreño on 29 January 1993 in circumstances suggesting they may have been victims of extrajudicial execution;

- expressing concern that they were not given protection despite the knowledge that their lives had been threatened by paramilitary group members believed to be working under the authority of the Colombian armed forces;

- urging that there be an immediate and thorough inquiry into the deaths of Leonardo Rangel and Isnardo García Carreño, the results of which should be made public and those found responsible brought to justice;

- urging that the authorities take all possible measures to protect the lives of other members of the San Cristobal community whose lives have been threatened, to enable them to carry out their day-to-day activities without fear.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Colombia accredited to your country.

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