

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 241/95 (AMR 23/63/95, 19 October 1995) and follow-up (AMR 23/21/96, 24 April 1996) - Fear for safety / Apparent extrajudicial executions and new concern: Possible "disappearance"

COLOMBIA                      Civilian population of Segovia and Remedios, Antioquia

new names:    Elkin Sergio ZAPATA, aged 23, driver  
                  Yacir William SILVA CURE, aged 15

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Amnesty international has learned of the "disappearance" of two people shortly before the massacre of 14 people in the town of Segovia, department of Antioquia, on 22 April 1996 (see previous update).

Reports indicate that, a few hours before the killings took place, a group of men approached the main park in Segovia, where public service vehicles are parked. The men approached Elkin Sergio Zapata, a 23-year-old driver, and his 15-year-old assistant, Yacir William Silva Cure, and hired their vehicle.

This vehicle was reportedly one of those used by the paramilitary group in the massacre of 22 April. Following the killings, it was found abandoned in an area called Puerto Araujo situated between the municipalities of Cimitarra, department of Santander and Puerto Berrío, department of Antioquia.

Elkin Sergio Zapata and Yacir William Silva Cure have not been seen since their vehicle was hired. Amnesty International is deeply concerned for their safety.

**Please continue action as outlined in previous update and in addition please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Spanish or in your own language:**

- expressing concern for the safety of Elkin Sergio Zapata and Yacir William Silva Cure who have not been seen since 22 April 1996 when their vehicle was hired by a group of men apparently belonging to the paramilitary group which committed the massacre in Segovia on the same day;
- calling for a full and impartial investigation into their "disappearance", for the results to be made public and for the perpetrators to be brought to justice;
- urging that if they are in detention they be treated humanely, granted access to lawyers and relatives, and charged immediately with a recognizable offence or released.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) President of Colombia:

Señor Presidente Ernesto Samper Pizano  
Presidente de la República  
Palacio de Nariño, Santafé de Bogotá, Colombia

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**Salutation:Excelentísimo Sr. Presidente/Dear President Samper**

2) Governor of Antioquia

Sr. Alvaro Uribe Velez  
Gobernador del Departamento de Antioquia

Gobernación de Antioquia  
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Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

**Telegrams: Gobernador, Departamento de Antioquia, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia**  
**Salutation: Sr. Gobernador/Dear Governor**

3) Minister of the Interior

Dr. Horacio Serpa Uribe  
Ministro del Interior  
Ministerio del Interior  
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Santafé de Bogotá, COLOMBIA

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**Salutation: Sr. Ministro/Dear Minister**

4) Bomboná Battalion

Captain Rodrigo Cañas  
Bomboná Battalion of the XIV Brigade  
Segovia, Antioquia, Colombia

**Telegrams: Capitán Rodrigo Cañas, Segovia, Antioquia, Colombia**  
**Salutation: Sr. Capitán / Dear Captain**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Colombia accredited to your country.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 June 1996.