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Further information on UA 155/92 (AMR 23/20/92, 12 May 1992) - Political Killing/"disappearance"

COLOMBIA: Carlos Arturo RAMOS MINOTA, political activist, community worker
Leonardo SALAZAR PORTILLA, community worker
William Javier ALMARIO ALVAREZ, economist, political activist, community worker
Juan Gustavo ZULUAGA, political activist
Aldemar RODRIGUEZ CARVAJAL, political activist
Carmen Eliza PEREIRA (female), political activist

Amnesty International has learned that the body of Aldemar Rodríguez Carvajal was found, approximately two weeks after his "disappearance" on 15 April 1992.

According to reports, Aldemar Rodríguez' body was found on the banks of the river Cauca at a point known as Riofrio. His hands and feet had been bound, his mouth gagged with adhesive tape and a plastic bag placed over his head.

Aldemar Rodríguez was a political activist and member of the Corriente de Renovación Socialista (CRS), movement for Socialist Renewal, dissident wing of the armed opposition group Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN), National Liberation Army. The CRS's stated aim is for a unilateral ceasefire by the guerrillas, leading to the demobilisation of the guerilla forces and their peaceful reinsertion into civilian life. Aldemar Rodríguez "disappeared" together with the five other people named above on 15 April. They reportedly left their homes at 7am and were planning to hold a meeting together. On 16 April the bodies of the other five were found on the banks of the river Cauca, showing signs of severe torture.

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

- expressing concern at the torture and killing of Aldemar Rodríguez;
- urging that there be an immediate and thorough investigation into his killing and that of the other five CRS members, the results of which should be made public and those responsible brought to justice;
- urging again that the government should take all possible measures to protect community workers and political activists so that they can carry out their lawful activities.

APPEALS TO:

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