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**UA 226/93 Extrajudicial execution/Fear for safety**

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**COLOMBIA: Roison MORA RUBIANO, aged 16, construction worker  
His brother and friend who witnessed his death**

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Amnesty International has learned with concern of the killing of Roison Mora Rubiano on 22 June 1993 in Bogotá in circumstances suggesting that he was the victim of extrajudicial execution by a member of the armed forces. There is concern for the safety of Roison Mora's brother and friend who were with him when he was shot as witnesses to human rights violations are themselves often subjected to harassment, intimidation or physical attacks to prevent them from pursuing complaints against the armed and security forces.

On the afternoon 22 June, Roison Mora, his brother and a friend reportedly left the construction site where they worked in the Bosa district of Bogotá and boarded a bus to return home. The bus was diverted from its normal route so the three got off and walked. At approximately 5.45 pm the three youths stopped on a bridge on the Avenida Boyacá where it crosses over Avenida Ciudad Bolívar and dropped stones onto buses passing underneath, one of which landed on a bus containing uniformed, army officers. Roison Mora reportedly shouted to his brother and friend to run or risk a beating. The youths ran a short distance and then stopped. One of them looked behind and realised that two armed soldiers had left the bus and were chasing them. All three youths started running from the pursuing soldiers. A van driver reports that he was flagged down by two men wearing army uniforms and carrying guns, whom he put down on the bridge. A witness reports that he saw the soldiers chase Roison Mora and the other two and heard the sound of gunfire for a period of four or five minutes. On hearing the gunfire behind them, Roison Mora's brother and friend state that they became more afraid and threw themselves on the ground for protection, but Roison Mora was shot through the back of the head. He died later in hospital. The two other youths escaped unharmed.

Two men claiming to be relatives of Roison Mora later visited his parents' home and asked after him, his brother and friend. When challenged by relatives who did not recognize them, they stated that they were in fact agents of military intelligence (B-2).

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In recent years widespread and systematic human rights violations have occurred in Colombia, including torture, "disappearance" and extrajudicial execution. President César Gaviria Trujillo has repeatedly pledged his government's commitment to protect human rights. However, members of the Colombian armed and security forces continue to commit serious abuses with virtual impunity.

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

**letters either in Spanish, English or in your own language:**

- expressing concern at the killing of Roison Mora Rubiano in circumstances suggesting that he was the victim of extrajudicial execution by a member of the armed forces;

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

- urging the authorities to establish strict guidelines for the use of lethal force in accordance with international standards and to issue public instructions to all members of the security forces that human rights violations, including the killing of unarmed civilians, are criminal offenses and that those responsible should be brought to justice;

- urging that all possible measures be made to protect the witnesses to the killing.

**APPEALS TO**

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 23 August 1993.