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Further Information on UA 160/03 (AMR 23/042/2003, 03 June 2003) Fear for safety/ possible “disappearances”

COLOMBIA	Ronaldo Ramos Arboleda (m)] peasant farmers
	José Joaquín Mosquera (m)]

Ronaldo Ramos Arboleda and José Joaquín Mosquera were released on 2 June and are reportedly safe and well. Both peasant farmers were abducted by army-backed paramilitaries operating in the Jiguamiandó River Basin area on or around 30 May.

After their abduction they were forced to walk bare-foot for hours, before being forced into a van and driven through areas where there is a strong army and police presence. Ronaldo Ramos Arboleda was released in the municipality of Chigorodó, Antioquia department and has reportedly refused to return to the Jiguamiandó River settlement. José Joaquín Mosquera was released towards the area of Pavarandó, in the municipality of Mutatá, Antioquia department, though there is currently no further information about his future plans.

Army back paramilitaries continue to operate in the Jiguamiandó River Basin area.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No further action is required from the UA Network.