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Further information on UA 82/94 (AMR 23/26/94, 3 March 1994) - Possible Extrajudicial Execution / Fear for safety and new concern: Possible "disappearance"

COLOMBIA                    Evaristo AMAYA MORALES, aged 34, killed  
                              Josué GIRALDO CARDONA  
                              Pedro MALAGÓN  
                              Nelson VILORIA  
                              Jamis RICARDO BARRERA

new name:                    Enrique HURTADO, aged 35, taxi driver

Death threats and surveillance against Josué Giraldo Cardona, Pedro Malagón, Nelson Viloria and Jamis Ricardo Barrera have reportedly increased recently.

Fears for the safety of the four, who are all activists of the *Unión Patriótica (UP)*, Patriotic Union party, have been further heightened by the possible "disappearance" of UP sympathizer Enrique Hurtado who has not been seen since 13 August 1994.

On 13 August Enrique Hurtado went out his house, which is in a central district of the city of Villavicencio, department of Meta, leaving his children in the care of neighbours telling them he would return shortly. When he failed to return home, his wife, family and friends searched for him in hospitals, police stations and offices of the State Security Service (DAS), but have not found him. An attempt was reportedly made against Enrique Hurtado's life in 1993 when armed men shot at him from the roof of the house whilst he was at home asleep.

As reported in the original UA of 3 March, the names of Josué Giraldo Cardona, Pedro Malagón, Nelson Viloria and Jamis Ricardo Barrera, together with Evaristo Amaya Morales who was killed on 24 February, reportedly appeared on a list held by the DAS and armed civilians working for them. In a press conference in May, Fernando Brito, the head of DAS, threatened to initiate legal proceedings against Amnesty International in the United Nations, so that *"some kind of sanction can be placed (on AI) for the irresponsible way in which it has been levelling accusations against the DAS."* Fernando Brito referred specifically to appeals he had received from UA participants.

Amnesty International has no further information concerning the alleged list of names, or whether the name of Enrique Hurtado appears on it. An investigation has been initiated into the killing of Evaristo Amaya Morales, which Amnesty International welcomes, but the organization is concerned that the investigative proceedings should continue unhindered, be impartial and thorough, with the aim of establishing the identity of the perpetrators.

Earlier in August a leading member of the UP party, Manuel Cepeda Vargas, was shot and killed in Bogotá amidst reports that he had received death threats (see UA 295/94, AMR 23/62/94, 10 August 1994). Members of the UP have been targeted for human rights violations, with Colombian human rights organizations claiming that over 2,000 UP activists have been killed since the party's creation in 1985.

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

**airmail letters**

- expressing concern at the apparent "disappearance" of Enrique Hurtado who has not been seen since he left his home in Villavicencio, department of Meta, on 13 August 1994;
- urging that a full and impartial investigation into Enrique Hurtado's whereabouts, and that, if in detention, he be humanely treated and allowed access to lawyers and relatives, and charged with a recognizable criminal offence or immediately released;
- urging that the threats and harassment of UP activists, Pedro Malagón, Josué Giraldo, Jamis Barrera and Nelson Viloria be thoroughly investigated, and that those responsible be brought to justice;
- urging that the government immediately take all possible measures to protect the lives of these men and all those working for opposition parties, that they may carry out their legal activities without persecution;
- welcoming the fact that an investigation has been initiated into the death of Evaristo Amaya Morales, and urging that this continue in an impartial and thorough way, and that the results be made public and those found responsible brought to justice.

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