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Further information on UA 290/01 (AMR 23/115/2001, 20 November) - Fear for Safety

COLOMBIA Humberto RESTREPO GARCÍA (m), Mayor of El Carmen de Viboral  
Alirio HOYOS GALEANO (m), Mayor of El Peñol  
Iván Darío CASTA O GÓMEZ (m), Mayor of Granada  
Orlando GIRALDO CARDONA (m), Mayor of Guatapé  
Juan Manuel OCHOA GIRALDO (m), Mayor of Marinilla  
Hernando Luis MARTÍNEZ SUÁREZ (m), Mayor of San Luis  
Pedro CHICA (m), Adviser on human rights and international humanitarian law

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The six mayors of Antioquia department, and human rights adviser Pedro Chica, have been released safe and well.

They were reportedly handed over to a delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Colombia, in an area of northeastern Antioquia.

They had been abducted on 18 November by members of the army-backed paramilitary group *Bloque Metro Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia* (AUC), Metro Bloc of the Self-Defence Groups of Colombia.

In a press release the mayors announced that they had suspended their talks with the armed opposition group *Ejército de Liberación Nacional* (ELN), National Liberation Army, because it was clear that their security could not be guaranteed.

**No further action is required by the Urgent Action network at present. Thank you for all your efforts.**