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Further information on UA 23/93 (AMR 28/01/93, 29 January 1993) - Death threats/torture/harassment

ECUADOR: José Ignacio CHAUVIN, 17

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Amnesty International remains seriously concerned for the safety of José Ignacio Chauvin. According to reports, an attempt has been made on his life and he has once again been picked up and beaten by members of the police.

According to reports, on 9 February 1993 a deliberate attempt was made to run José Ignacio Chauvin over with a vehicle. One of the men in the vehicle was recognized as one of those who took part in torturing José Ignacio Chauvin in January 1993. On 10 February, the police attempted to arrest José Ignacio Chauvin while he was participating in the weekly public vigil over the "disappearance" of the Restrepo brothers. They were unsuccessful. On 14 February he was picked up by members of the police. They placed a hood over his head, handcuffed him and took him by car to a police building. He was handcuffed to a chair and beaten on the face and stomach. The chair was then knocked over and he was beaten on the soles of his feet. He was then blindfolded and released near El Ejido park, in Quito, the capital.

Amnesty International is concerned at the failure of the authorities to provide effective guarantees for the safety of José Ignacio Chauvin, in spite of the organization having already brought its concerns to the government's attention.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/airmail letters in Spanish, English or your own language:**

- expressing concern that 17-year-old José Ignacio Chauvin continues to be harrassed and was picked up and beaten by members of the security forces on 14 February 1993;
- expressing concern that he was similarly abused in January 1993;
- urging for a full and independent inquiry into these incidents, that the findings be made public and those responsible be brought to justice;
- expressing concern that although abuses against José Ignacio Chauvin have been brought to the government's attention they have failed to guarantee his safety;
- urging the authorities to now take immediate steps to guarentee his safety.



**APPEALS TO:**

1) President of Ecuador:

Durán Sr Presidente Sixto Durán Ballén  
Presidente de la República del Ecuador  
Palacio de Gobierno  
García Moreno 1043  
Quito, ECUADOR

**Telegrams: Presidente Ballen, Quito, Ecuador**

**Telexes: 22375/22201 prerep ed**

**Salutation: Sr. Presidente / Dear President**

2) Minister of the Government and Police:

Sr. Minstro Roberto Dunn Barreiro  
Ministro de Gobierno y Policía  
Ministerio de Gobierno y Policía  
Espejo y Benalcázar  
Quito, ECUADOR

**Telegrams: Ministro Gobierno Barreiro, Quito, Ecuador**

**Telexes: 22354 mingob ed**

**Salutation: Sr. Ministro / Dear Minister**

3) Minister of Foreign Relations:

Dr. Diego Ruben Paredes Peña  
Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores  
Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores  
10 de Agosto y Carrión  
Quito, ECUADOR

**Telegrams: Ministro Relaciones Exteriores Pena, Quito, Ecuador**

**Salutation: Sr Ministro / Dear Minister**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

Human rights organization:

Comisión Ecuménica de Derechos Humanos  
Apartado 720 A  
Quito  
ECUADOR

and to diplomatic representatives of Ecuador accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 March 1993.