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Further information (5) on UA 06/96 (AMR 29/01/96, 10 January 1996) and follow-up (AMR 29/02/96, 29 January 1996; AMR 29/03/96, 1 February 1996; AMR 29/04/96, 14 March 1996; AMR 29/05/96, 22 April 1996) - Death Threats / Fear for Safety

EL SALVADOR Adrián Esquino Lisco and his family
Maximiliano Bran García
Antonio Armando Pérez Arias
Rafael Arturo Pérez Arias
Relatives of Margarito Esquino
Relatives of María Coralia Santos Méndez

Amnesty International has learnt that on the evening of 1 May 1996, a grenade thrown by unknown persons destroyed the house of Margarito Esquino in the Community of San Carlos, Department of Sonsonate. Members of the Esquino family usually occupy this house, although no one was hurt.

This is the latest attack against the Esquino family and other members of *Asociación Nacional Indígena Salvadoreña* (ANIS), Salvadorean National Indigenous Association. On 18 April, unidentified masked men surrounded the house of Adrián Esquino Lisco in Sonsonate and fired their weapons into the roof of the building. No one was hurt in this incident.

The attack on Margarito Esquino's house follows a press conference held in Washington DC, USA, on 29 April 1996, where he denounced the continuing death threats and harassment against his father Adrián Esquino Lisco and other members of ANIS.

Amnesty International condemns the continuing death threats and harassment against the Esquino family and other members of ANIS, and renews its calls on the Government of El Salvador to guarantee the safety of all members of ANIS and their families.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Spanish or in your own language:

- expressing deep concern about the continuing death threats and harassment against Adrián Esquino Lisco, his relatives and other members of ANIS;
- calling for immediate measures to guarantee the safety of all members of ANIS, including the residents of the Community of San Ramón, Department of Sonsonate; asking what measures were taken by the authorities in response to earlier appeals;
- calling for steps to be taken immediately to identify those responsible for the death threats;
- calling for all those responsible to be brought to justice.

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and to diplomatic representatives of El Salvador accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 14 June 1996.