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Further information on UA 259/93 (AMR 34/52/93, 6 August 1993) and follow-ups: AMR 34/60/93, 9 September and AMR 34/69/93, 6 October - Indiscriminate use of lethal force

GUATEMALA: Killed:

Juan Pablo CHANAY

Wounded:

Miguel MORALES, 19

María GARCÍA DOMINGO, female, member of CONAVIGUA

Julia GÓMEZ, female, aged 16

A Belgian journalist

Amnesty International has learned that three members of the *Patrullas de Autodefensa Civil (PAC)*, Civil Defence Patrols, recently handed themselves in to the First Court of Criminal Investigations in Huehuetenango. Popular organizations in Guatemala had accused the three men of the killing of Juan Pablo Chanay during a peaceful demonstration on 3 August 1993 in El Naranjal, Colotenango, Huehuetenango.

According to reports, only one of the three PAC members was arrested. The other two were released due to "lack of evidence linking them to the crime".

Twelve other PAC members who were present when the killing took place also remain free and apparently no attempts have been made to arrest them.

During the demonstration in August 1993 members of the PAC had reportedly fired indiscriminately into the crowd, killing Juan Pablo Chanay and wounding several others.

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

- welcoming the fact that one member of the PAC has been arrested in connection with the attack on peaceful demonstrators in El Naranjal, Colotenango, on 3 August 1993, in which Juan Pablo Chanay was killed;
- asking for details as to the grounds on which two other members of the PAC who had handed themselves in were released;
- asking for information as to the state of inquiries thus far into the Colotenango incident and asking that any findings as to those responsible be made public and that those found to have ordered or carried out the attack be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Guatemala accredited to your country

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 22 March 1994