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Fear for Physical Safety

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GUATEMALA: Mynor Vinicio LUNA LIMA, aged 27

Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of Mynor Vinicio Luna Lima who has been missing since 26 January 1994.

According to reports, Mynor Vinicio Luna, son of Miguel Angel Luna Gamboa, businessman and President of the *Coordinadora Nacional de Transporte*, National Transport Coordinating Committee, was last seen getting into his car in Centro Capitol, a shopping centre in Guatemala City. On that day, the National Transport Coordinating Committee had declared a national strike demanding that transport fares be revised. After a few days, the government and the Coordinating Committee reached an agreement and the strike was ended.

After the apparent "disappearance" of Mynor Vinicio Luna, the family filed a writ of habeas corpus to find out whether he was being held in a public detention centre, but the authorities have denied that he is detained. No other information has emerged about why Mynor Vinicio Luna has gone missing. However, circumstances suggest possible political reasons.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On 6 June 1993 Ramiro de León Carpio, previously Human Rights Procurator, was voted president by Congress to serve out the remaining term of President Jorge Serrano Elías. Ex-president Serrano had been forced from office after trying to seize near-dictatorial powers on 25 May 1993. When President de León Carpio came to power there were expectations that he might be able to improve the human rights situation. However, since he assumed office, incidents of human rights violations have continued.

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

- asking that steps be taken to guarantee the physical integrity of Mynor Vinicio Luna Lima;
- urging the authorities to open an investigation into his whereabouts.

APPEALS TO

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and to diplomatic representatives of Guatemala accredited to your country

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