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Further Information on UA 05/05 (AMR 34/003/2005, 07 January 2005) Fear for safety/death threats

GUATEMALA

Armando Sanchez (m), lawyer

Lawyer Armando Sanchez has told Amnesty International that he has not received any further death threats following the UA issued on his behalf on 7 January 2005.

On 23 December 2004 Armando Sanchez received a death threat from an anonymous caller to his mobile phone. This was allegedly as a result of his work providing legal representation for people involved in several cases against local government officials, drug traffickers and in labour disputes between rural workers and their employees.

Armando Sanchez is no longer receiving police protection. Although the authorities began investigations into the threat, no substantial progress has been made and no one has been brought to justice.

No further action is required from the UA Network at present. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.