

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 149/95 (AMR 46/12/95, 26 June 1995) and follow-up (AMR 46/16/95, 13 July 1995) - Death threats / Fear of safety

PERU Tito Guido Gallegos Gallegos, human rights lawyer

Dr. Tito Guido Gallegos Gallegos, human rights lawyer of the *Vicaría de la Solidaridad de la Prelatura de Juli*, a church-based human rights organization in the town of Juli, Chucuito province, Puno department, has received further death threats. Amnesty International continues to fear for his safety.

According to information received by Amnesty International, on 23 August 1995 an army officer burst into the *Obispado de la Prelatura de Juli*, bishop's office in the town of Juli, asking for the whereabouts of Dr. Tito Gallegos. The officer indicated that he was looking for Dr. Tito Gallegos on orders from his superiors. As he was leaving, the army officer told staff at the *Obispado de la Prelatura de Juli* that Dr. Tito Gallegos "should be careful".

Since 23 June 1995, when Dr. Tito Gallegos received a letter threatening him with death, he has had several anonymous telephone calls in which he has been warned to stop his work in defence of the victims of human rights violations, if he wants to safeguard his physical integrity. These death threats are a direct consequence of his opposition to the amnesty law which came into effect on 16 June 1995. The amnesty law, in effect an impunity law, closes all investigations and judicial proceedings linked to past human rights violations and renders ineffective those few sentences handed down for such crimes.

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

- expressing concern at repeated reports of further death threats against human rights lawyer Dr. Tito Guido Gallegos Gallegos;
- urging the Minister of the Interior that all necessary steps be taken to ensure that Tito Guido Gallegos Gallegos be given adequate protection;
- urging the Attorney General to ensure that a prompt and thorough investigation into the allegations is conducted, the findings made public, and the perpetrators brought to justice;
- expressing profound dismay that appeals made in connection with previous threats directed at Dr. Tito Gallegos appear to have been ignored by the Peruvian authorities.

APPEALS TO:

1. Minister of the Interior

General EP Juan Briones Dávila
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San Isidro, Urb. Córpac
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Faxes: + 5114 415128 / 752995 / 2242407 (if voice, ask "me da tono de fax")

Telegrams: Ministro del Interior, Lima, Peru

Salutation: Estimado General Juan Briones / Dear General Briones

2. Attorney General

Dr. Blanca Nélica Colán Maguiñ

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Salutation: Sra. Fiscal de la Nación / Dear Attorney General

COPIES TO:

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Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos
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and to diplomatic representatives of Peru accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 October 1995.