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Further information on UA 43/95 (ASA 23/03/95, 20 February 1995) - Possible Extrajudicial Executions / Fear for Safety

CAMBODIAN Neth Thong, aged 40, farmer, member of FUNCINPEC - killed
Mov Ving, aged 28, FUNCINPEC militiaman - killed

and fear for the safety of their relatives

Amnesty International is becoming increasingly concerned for the safety of relatives of Neth Thong and Mov Ving, who were killed in early February 1995 by members of the Cambodian security forces. Relatives of both men have been threatened and intimidated on several occasions by the chief of the commune militia and his men, causing some of them to flee to other parts of the country. On one occasion the militia chief and his men threatened to burn down the house of a relative of Neth Thong, saying "one day you'll get yours". Relatives of Mov Ving have been intimidated and had livestock stolen from their home on several occasions by the militia chief and his men - one of whom was wearing a shirt belonging to Mov Ving.

Amnesty International has no further information on whether the authorities are carrying out an investigation into the killings.

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

- reiterating concern at the killings of Neth Thong and Mov Ving, and renewing calls for a prompt and thorough investigation in order to bring those responsible to justice;
- expressing concern that relatives of Neth Thong and Mov Ving have been threatened and intimidated by the local militia chief and his men;
- calling on the Royal Cambodian Government to take immediate steps to ensure the safety of the relatives of Neth Thong and Mov Ving

APPEALS TO:

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Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Telegrams: HRH Norodom Ranariddh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Salutation: Your Royal Highness

His Excellency Hun Sen
Second Prime Minister
Office of the Council of Ministers
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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Salutation: Your Excellency

His Excellency Sar Kheng
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Salutation: Your Excellency

COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Cambodia accredited to your country.

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