

EXTERNAL

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Further information (2) on UA 186/95 (AMR 23/43/95, 28 July) and follow-up AMR 23/53/95, 31 August - "Disappearance" / Fear for Safety

COLOMBIA John Ricardo UBATE MONROY
Gloria BOGOTÁ (f)

Astrid Liliana GONZÁLEZ JARAMILLO (f)
Sandra del Pilar UBATE MONROY (f)

Amnesty International continues to be seriously concerned for the safety of Astrid Liliana González Jaramillo and Sandra del Pilar Ubate Monroy, who have been the targets of death threats and warned not to testify to the *Fiscalía General de la Nación*, Office of the Attorney-General of the City of Cali, which is conducting investigations into the "disappearance" of John Ricardo Ubate and Gloria Bogotá.

Fears for the safety of the two women have increased following an apparent attempt to abduct Astrid Liliana González on 15 September 1995. According to information received, Astrid Liliana was seized by a man who was travelling in a vehicle with no number plates. The man beat her but she managed to break free and escape. She subsequently denounced the incident to a public notary.

It is believed that this apparent attempt to abduct Astrid Liliana was carried out by the *Unidad Anti-secuestro y Extorsión* (UNASE) - Anti-kidnapping and Extortion Unit.

Members of the security forces including UNASE agents are reported to have kept Astrid Liliana González and Sandra del Pilar Ubate under surveillance in recent weeks and the two women have been threatened in apparent attempts to prevent them from testifying in the investigations into the "disappearance" of John Ricardo Ubate and Gloria Bogotá.

In the past, witnesses and those who have investigated human rights violations by members of the security forces, have themselves often been the victims of human rights violations carried out by security force members attempting to protect their impunity.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of Astrid Liliana González Jaramillo and Sandra del Pilar Ubate Monroy who have reportedly received death threats in an apparent attempt to prevent them from testifying to the *Fiscalía General de la Nación* in Cali;
- urging that immediate and thorough investigations into the beating and apparent attempt to abduct Astrid Liliana González Jaramillo on 15 September 1995 in the City of Cali and into the death threats against them, that the results be made public and those responsible be brought to justice
- urging that all measures, deemed appropriate by the two women, be taken to ensure their safety;
- continuing to call for full and impartial investigations into the abduction and subsequent "disappearance" on 19 May 1995 of John Ricardo Ubate Monroy and Gloria Bogotá, that the results be made public and that those responsible are brought to justice.

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