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Further information on UA 453/90 (AMR 23/58/90, 12 November 1990) - Fear of "Disappearance"/Torture

COLOMBIA:Hernando BARON, aged 35  
Wilson NOVA, aged 19  
José PENA, aged 40  
Hugo MACIAS  
Gustavo RUIZ, aged 30

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Amnesty International has received further information on the above-named peasant workers who "disappeared" during the first week of November 1990 in communities in San Vicente de Chucurí, department of Santander.

According to reports, Wilson Nova and José Peña have been released. They had been seized by soldiers from the army's counter-insurgency Mobile Brigade (Brigada Móvil) on 3 November 1990.

However, concern remains for Hernando Barón, Hugo Macías and Gustavo Ruiz, who are still "disappeared". According to reports, Hernando Barón was detained on 3 November in San Cristóbal community by soldiers from the army's counter-insurgency Mobile Brigade (Brigada Móvil). Hugo Macías was detained by soldiers from the Mobile Brigade in El Silencio community on 8 November 1990 following a house search. His wife was reportedly raped during the search.

Gustavo Ruiz, aged 30, was detained in San Luis community on 3 November 1990 by soldiers from the Mobile Brigade.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:**

- expressing continued concern at the possible "disappearance" of Hernando Barón, Hugo Macías and Gustavo Ruiz, and requesting an investigation into their whereabouts;
- urging that if in detention they be charged with a criminal offence and brought before a competent court, or released;
- urging that while in detention they be treated humanely, and provided full access to lawyers and relatives.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Colombia in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 26 December 1990.