

intimidation and harassment directed against members of grassroots organizations, political groups and foreign workers in the country. (See UA 223/91). These sectors are often accused by the authorities of being front groups or collaborators for the armed opposition movement, the **Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional** (FMLN).

Such threats have frequently been carried out in the guise of "death squads". For example, an opposition political group and a human rights organization both received death threats over the telephone in June 1991 from a caller identifying himself as "The Angel of Death". Also in June 1991 several international non-governmental organizations working in the country were threatened in a pamphlet issued by a group calling itself the **Frente Anti-Comunista Salvadoreño (FAS)**, the Salvadorian Anti-Communist Front. The body of evidence examined by Amnesty International regarding the activities of such groups has led the organization to conclude that they are linked to, or acting with the acquiescence of the Salvadorian military and security forces, for whom these practices form part of a strategy to combat the armed opposition.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Telegrams/telexes/faxes and airmail letters;

- expressing concern at the "death squad"-style killing of Martín Ayala Ramírez and at the stabbing of Leticia Campos at the CCM offices on 8 July 1991 in circumstances which suggest the attack may have been carried out by individuals linked to the security forces;

- expressing concern that 8 days prior to the attack, some 50 families belonging to the CCM were allegedly beaten by National Police as they were forcibly evicted from land they had occupied in San Salvador;

- urging that the case be immediately and thoroughly investigated, and that those found to be responsible for the attack be brought to justice;

- urging that steps be taken as a matter of urgency to guarantee the physical safety and integrity of Leticia Campos and of other members of the CCM.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat or your section office if sending appeals after 27 August 1991.