

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 173/96 (AMR 34/21/96, 8 July 1996) - Fear for safety

GUATEMALA Carlos Federico Reyes López, aged 26, anthropologist
and his family

Amnesty International remains concerned for the safety of Carlos Federico Reyes López, member of the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Team, *Equipo Antropología Forense de Guatemala (EAFG)*, and his family, following continuing harassment and threats which have occurred since UA 173/96 was issued.

Between 2 and 3am on 18 July a person called the house of Carlos Federico Reyes López and his mother asking if there was someone there who worked for the EAFG.

On 2 August, the EAFG received a threatening telephone call from a man asking to speak to Eduardo Gonzalez on extension 17. Carlos Federico Reyes López answered the call explaining that no one of that name worked at the EAFG offices.

The caller replied "well, tell him that it's the last time we threaten him, it's life or death" ("*digale que es la ultima vez que le amenazamos, es de vida o muerte*"). Ten minutes later the same man telephoned again and repeated the threat.

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

- reiterating concern for the safety of Carlos Federico Reyes López, his family members, and other members of the EAFG, and calling on the authorities to take immediate steps to guarantee their safety;
- asking what measures the authorities took in response to earlier appeals, and calling for immediate investigations into the continuing threats and other incidents outlined above, for the findings to be made public, and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- requesting to be kept informed of what measures the government intends to take to protect those at risk because of their involvement in the exhumation of clandestine cemeteries;
- urging the Guatemalan government to ensure the implementation of Principle 15 of the *United Nations Principles on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions* stating that, "Complainants, witnesses, those conducting the investigations and their families shall be protected from violence, threats of violence or any other form of intimidation".

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and to diplomatic representatives of Guatemala accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 October 1996.