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Further information on UA 176/93 (AMR 34/34/93, 28 May 1994) - Fear for Safety

GUATEMALA:11 Journalists under threat of arrest

Amnesty International has received further information about 11 journalists from the country's main newspapers. UA 176/93 reported that the journalists' names were said to have appeared on a list of arrest warrants in May, following measures taken by President Serrano against various target groups. Amnesty International has learned that although the detention order for the journalists was apparently issued, due to the state of institutional confusion in the country at the time, it was not implemented, as it could not be ratified by the courts.

Amnesty International has subsequently learned the names of the 11 journalists which are as follows: Carmen Aida Ibarra, Haroldo Sánchez, Marta Altolaquirre, Marco Vinicio Mejía (Diario Siglo XXI); José Eduardo Zarco Bolaños, (Diario Prensa Libre), Hugo Gordillo (Diario Prensa Libre), General Secretary of the Social Media Union, *Secretario General del Sindicato de Medios de Comunicación Social*); Hugo Arce, Walter Herмосilla (Diario El Gráfico); Ricardo López (Diario La Hora); Rony Iván Véliz (Reuters correspondent); and Oscar Granados, President of the National Council for the Defence of Journalists, (*Presidente del Consejo Nacional de Defensa al Periodista*).

No further action is required from the Urgent Action Network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.