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**Further information on UA 510/90 (AMR 36/10/90, 18 December 1990) -
Extrajudicial Execution**

Haiti: Jeanine Dérosier

Amnesty International has received further information about the circumstances of the killing of Jeanine Dérosier on 17 January 1990.

Although a wide range of reports, including eyewitnesses' accounts, initially concurred that Jeanine Dérosier had been shot by police officers and then run over by a police truck, other accounts which subsequently emerged have offered alternative accounts for her death. Some sources now report that a pick-up truck, reportedly full of men in police uniform, arrived outside the St-Jean Bosco parish church in Port-au-Prince where a group of people were celebrating Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide's electoral victory. As the truck tried to pass through the crowd, apparently in an effort to disperse the group, the men in the truck are said to have fired shots into the air and then to have run over Jeanine Dérosier.

Those who subsequently saw Jeanine Dérosier's body have stated that it showed two large wounds, one of them on the head, as well as tyre marks. The new information did not state that others had been wounded by the gunfire.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SENT YOUR APPEALS PLEASE TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION.
HOWEVER IF YOU HAVE NOT PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS RECOMMENDED BELOW:**

Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- pointing out that the presence of police vehicles in the area at the time Jeanine Dérosier was killed has been confirmed, and numerous sources report that it was the police who not only opened fire but also drove through the crowd, suggesting it may have been the police who were responsible for her death;

- asking that an immediate, independent and impartial inquiry be opened into the report that Jeanine Dérosier was killed when she was run over by a police truck;

- asking that the results of the inquiry be made public and that those found responsible be brought to justice.

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