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Further information on UA 95/96 (AMR 41/16/96, 4 April 1996) - Fear for Safety

MEXICO	Gina Batista (f), journalist	
Sonia Lara, (f)	)	
	José Luis Robledo )	community
and new names:	Yolanda Tello (f) )	activists
	Francisco Saucedo )	

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Latest reports indicate that two more members of the *Coordinación Solidaridad con las Luchas Alternativas*, COSLA, Coordination of Solidarity with Alternative Struggles, are in danger.

On 17 April 1996 Francisco Saucedo, director of COSLA and member of the National Council for the opposition party *Partido Revolucionario Democrático*, PRD, Democratic Revolutionary Party, and his wife Yolanda Tello, a leader of a communal assembly (*Asamblea de Barrios*), were followed in the streets of Guerrero Colony in Mexico City by two unidentified men in a black Ford vehicle.

On 18 March Francisco Saucedo's neighbour told him that a man in a similar car had offered him money in order to kill him.

Amnesty International knows of no investigation yet carried out into earlier attack on Gina Batista or the threats received by Sonia Lara and José Luis Robledo, both members of COSLA and leaders of the *Movimiento Urbano Popular*, Popular Urban Movement. On 26 March, Sonia Lara received 15 phone calls insulting her and threatening that "she was about to be killed". On 26 March and again on 3 April, José Luis Robledo was reportedly told that "he was on the list already".

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

- expressing serious concern for the safety of Francisco Saucedo, Yolanda Tello, Sonia Lara, José Luis Robledo and other members of the *Coordinación Solidaridad con las Luchas Alternativas*, apparently threatened because of their community work;
- calling for immediate measures to guarantee their safety, and asking what official measures were taken in response to earlier threats against Sonia Lara and José Luis Robledo;
- calling for an immediate and thorough investigation into the latest incidents and asking for details of any investigations that were carried out into the earlier threats and the attack on Gina Batista;

**if possible also:**

- express alarm at the continuing intimidation against human rights and popular activists in Mexico and urging the authorities to take immediate measures to ensure the safety of all such activists, and to bring those responsible to justice.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) President of the Republic  
Lic. Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León  
Presidente de la República  
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**Salutation:** Sr. President/Dear President

2) Minister of the Interior  
Lic. Emilio Chuayffet Chemor  
Secretario de la Gobernación  
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Col. Juárez  
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**COPIES TO:**

1) Weekly magazine  
Sr. Editor  
La Jornada  
Balderas 68  
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2) Human Rights Organization  
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and to diplomatic representatives of MEXICO accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 10 June 1996.