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Colombia: Arauca - Laboratory of war Press Invite

Amnesty International will launch a new report on the human rights situation in the Colombian department of Arauca.

The report examines the human rights situation in Arauca which typifies the human rights crisis in the country. The department is being used by the Colombian government, together with the US government and oil companies operating in the area, as a test-ground for new "security policies" that fuel human rights violations by all sides, drag civilians into the conflict and perpetuate impunity for the military their paramilitary allies and guerilla groups.

When: 11.00hs, Madrid Time, Tuesday 20 April

Where: Asociación de la prensa, Juan Bravo Nº6, Madrid.

## Who:

Marcelo Pollack, Colombia researcher, Amnesty International - International Secretariat. Esteban Beltran, Director, Amnesty International - Spanish section.

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Interviews will be available after the press conference in English and Spanish.

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