

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 186/95 (AMR 23/43/95, 28 July 1995) - "Disappearance"  
/ Fear for Safety

COLOMBIA John Ricardo UBATE MONROY  
Gloria BOGOTÁ (f)

New names: Astrid Liliana GONZÁLEZ JARAMILLO (f)  
Sandra del Pilar UBATE MONROY (f)

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Astrid Liliana González Jaramillo and Sandra del Pilar Ubate Monroy, respectively John Ricardo Ubate Monroy's fiancée and sister, are reported to have received death threats and warned not to testify to the *Fiscalía Regional de la Ciudad de Cali*, Office of the Regional Attorney of the City of Cali, in the investigations into the "disappearance" of John Ricardo Ubate and Gloria Bogotá. The latter have not been seen since their abduction in Cali on 19 May 1995.

The two women have also apparently been kept under constant surveillance by agents believed to belong to the *Unidad Anti-secuestro y Extorsión* (UNASE), Anti-kidnapping and Extortion Unit in Cali and the *Policía Metropolitana*, Metropolitan Police of Cali.

On 19, 20 and 21 August 1995 between three and five heavily armed men travelling in a white vehicle with no number plates repeatedly went to Astrid Liliana's house, and asked for the two women. The men identified themselves initially as members of the *Fiscalía General de la Nación*, Office of the Attorney-General, and subsequently as members of the *Servicio de Investigaciones Judiciales e Inteligencia* (SIJIN), Judicial Investigation and Intelligence Service. In the course of these visits the men made threats against Astrid Liliana González Jaramillo and Sandra del Pilar Ubate Monroy and warned them not to testify.

There is serious concern for the safety of the two women given that in the past witnesses and those attempting to investigate human rights violations by members of the security forces, have themselves been the victim of human rights violations carried out by security force members attempting to protect their impunity.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of Astrid Liliana González Jaramillo and Sandra del Pilar Ubate Monroy who have reportedly received death threats in an apparent attempt to prevent them from testifying to the *Fiscalía Regional de la Ciudad de Cali*;
- urging that all measures, deemed appropriate by the two women, be taken to ensure their safety;
- urging that there be an immediate and thorough investigation into the threats against them, that the results be made public and those responsible be brought to justice;
- continuing to call for full and impartial investigations into the abduction and subsequent "disappearance" on 19 May 1995 of John Ricardo Ubate Monroy and Gloria Bogotá, that the results be made public and that those responsible are brought to justice.

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