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Further Information on UA 130/03 (AMR 53/007/2003, 9 May 2003) and follow-ups (AMR 53/009/2003, 15 May 2003 and AMR 53/010/2003, 6 June 2003) - Death threats/Fear for Safety

VENEZUELA

Miguel Díaz Loreto (m)  
Dinorah María Díaz Loreto (f)  
Jairo Alexis Díaz Loreto (m)  
Bladimir Díaz Loreto (m)  
Alexandra Gualdron (f)

New names:

María Asunción Orosco (f), mother of Enmary Cava  
A female friend of Enmary Cava (name withheld)

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María Asunción Orosco, the mother of Enmary Cava, who was shot dead in May, has received an anonymous death threat. Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of María Asunción Orosco, the female friend who witnessed the killing, and for other family members named above.

On 1 September María Asunción Orosco received an anonymous telephone call at her home in the town of Cagua, Aragua state. The caller reportedly said: "*Primero fue Dahiana, ahora vamos por tí*" ("First it was Dahiana, now we are coming for you"). Dahiana was the middle name of Enmary Cava. María Asunción Orosco had previously received two anonymous telephone calls in which the caller was silent.

María Asunción Orosco received these telephone calls after going to the state-run *Cuerpo de Investigaciones Científicas, Penales y Criminalísticas*, Scientific, Penal and Criminal Investigations Unit, on 1 September in relation to the investigation into the killing of her daughter. Enmary Cava was shot six times by an unidentified man on 10 May and died in hospital. Prior to the shooting, Miguel Díaz Loreto, Dinorah María Díaz Loreto, Jairo Alexis Díaz Loreto, Bladimir Díaz Loreto and Alexandra Gualdron, all members of Enmary Cava's family in Cagua, had been subjected to a campaign of threats and harassment, allegedly by agents of the Aragua State Police. The family had been pressing the authorities for an exhaustive investigation into the deaths of brothers Robert and Antonio Díaz Loreto and their father, Octavio Ignacio Díaz, who were killed in suspicious circumstances by agents of the Aragua State Police on 6 January 2003. It is feared that members of the state police may be behind both the shooting of Enmary Cava and the death threat against her mother.

A female friend of Enmary Cava who was critically injured in the shooting has now recovered. Following the attack she was forced to leave the state of Aragua in fear for her safety. In August she returned home and testified that it was members of the Aragua police force who had attacked her and Enmary Cava. She is still in hiding, and has not received police protection, despite requesting protection measures. María Asunción Orosco has reportedly been receiving protection by the *Guardia Nacional*, National Guard, since 7 September. However, there are serious concerns for her safety due to the alleged involvement of the police in the threats and violence against her family.

To Amnesty International's knowledge, there have been no further threats made against Miguel Díaz Loreto, Dinorah María Díaz Loreto, Jairo Alexis Díaz Loreto, Bladimir Díaz Loreto and Alexandra Gualdron. However, concerns remain for their safety.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Spanish or your own language:**

- expressing concern for the safety of María Asunción Orosco, the mother of Enmary Cava, who received an anonymous telephone death threat on 1 September, and for the female witness to the shooting of Enmary Cava, who is in hiding in fear for her safety;
- calling on the authorities to provide both María Asunción Orosco and the witness to the killing with adequate protection, in accordance with their wishes, and to guarantee their safety;
- calling for a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the death threats against María Asunción Orosco, and into the threats and harassment of her family members Miguel Díaz Loreto, Dinorah María Díaz Loreto, Jairo Alexis Díaz Loreto, Bladimir Díaz Loreto and Alexandra Gualdrón, to publish the results and bring those responsible to justice;
- calling on the authorities to carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the killing of Enmary Cava, to publish the results and bring those responsible to justice;
- calling on the authorities to carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the killing of Robert Díaz Loreto, Antonio Díaz Loreto and Octavio Ignacio Díaz, to publish the results and bring those responsible to justice.

**APPEALS TO:**

Attorney General

Fiscal General de la República,  
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**Salutation: Estimado Señor Fiscal General/Dear Attorney General**

Local Governor

Gobernador de del estado Aragua  
Sr. Didalco Bolívar  
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**Salutation: Estimado Señor/Dear Sir**

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**Salutation: Estimado Señor Comisario/Dear Sir**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Venezuela accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 24 October 2003.