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Further information on UA 160/94 (ASA 23/04/94, 21 April 1994) - Extrajudicial executions/Fear for safety

Cambodia: Attack by soldiers on villagers of Ban Teay, Ko Lo-ap Commune, Kratie district, Kratie province

Killed: Thoeun Nab (aged 7)
Thi Phorn (aged 54)
Hen Mao (aged 24)

Wounded: Touch Tol (aged 20)
Son Sath (aged 40)
Theng Tol (aged 16)

New information indicates that four soldiers, not six, from the 22nd Battalion were involved in the killing of three villagers and the wounding of three others in Ban Teay. Amnesty International has learnt that three of them were arrested by military authorities in mid-April and charged with the killings. One other soldier has been charged but remains at large. The three who were arrested were handed over to civilian authorities for bringing to trial and are due to appear at Kratie Provincial Court on 23 May.

Families of those killed and wounded have reportedly received compensation in the form of money and food from the Commander of the 22nd Battalion and financial compensation from the provincial governor.

The villagers of Ban Teay asked permission from the provincial governor to hold a demonstration about the killings. Permission was granted but the villagers were afraid to carry out their protest because questions were asked by local officials about who had proposed the planned demonstration. In addition police officials have been making enquiries about how information about the incident had become widely known outside the province.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express and airmail letters

- welcoming reports that steps are being taken to bring those responsible for the killings in Ban Teay village, Ko Lo-ap commune, Kratie district, Kratie province to justice;

- urging the authorities to ensure that the villagers of Ban Teay are not threatened with reprisals by local authorities because of providing information and wishing to protest about the incident.

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