

GUATEMALA

URGENT ACTION

Mayan Leaders Receive Death Threats



Council of Mayan Organizations Calls for a Halt to the Violence

On MAY 7, 1993 SAIIC received a fax from the Council of Mayan Organizations (COM-G), a coalition of 13 Mayan organizations, regarding death threats sent to leaders of the Cooperación Indígena para el Desarrollo Integral (COINDI) in Sololá. Since April 28th 1993, many leaders have been the target of anonymous and unrelenting death threats. Among them Victor Saló, Carlo Zunatx and Caimium Cicajan have been singled out and targeted.

Their lives are under direct threat and quick action is needed to abate the immediate danger.

COM-G and COINDI officials are appealing to the international community and human rights organizations to take a stand against death threats and the climate of insecurity that prevails in Guatemala. COM-G is looking to build alliances to halt the violence, terror and the ideological polarization that reigns throughout the country.

COINDI officials are requesting that concerned citizens and human rights activists and organizations make the following demands of the Guatemalan government:

➔ that respect for basic human rights, physical integrity and life be upheld.

➔ that the Guatemalan government investigate the origin of the threats against the members of COINDI and report the find-

ings to the Guatemalan people.

➔ that the Guatemalan government act to assure basic human rights to all citizens by fighting against unjust impunity and senseless violence.

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