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Further information on UA 180/97 (AMR 19/16/97, 18 June 1997) - Fear for Safety

**BRAZIL** Marcelo Denaday, Lawyer  
Luis Renato Azevedo da Silveira, State prosecutor

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Amnesty International is still concerned for the safety of state prosecutor, Luis Renato Azevedo da Silveira and assistant lawyer, Marcelo Denaday, in Vitória, Espírito Santo state. Both are currently investigating the murder of Carlos Batista de Freitas, a case linked to the police organization *Scuderie Detetive le Cocq (SDLC)*, elements of which allegedly operate along the lines of a "death squad". The SDLC is also believed to have links with powerful economic and political groups in the state.

On 12 June 1997 Marcelo Denaday, a lawyer representing Carlos Batista's family and assisting the state prosecutor, suffered an attempt on his life. He was driving home at 8pm with his wife and two children. Two hooded men on a motorcycle drew up level with his car and two shots were fired through a silencer. The bullets hit the windscreen but no one was hurt.

On 3 July 1997, the Secretary of Public Security reportedly promised that police protection was given to Marcelo Denaday and Luis Renato Azevedo da Silveira. According to reports, only Marcelo Denaday has received police protection and this has not prevented him from receiving telephone death threats.

Luis Renato Azevedo, however, has not yet received police protection according to information received by Amnesty International. AI is concerned that Luis Renato Azevedo continues to be at serious risk because of his key position as a state prosecutor investigating the SDLC.

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

- urging the Espírito Santo authorities to take immediate measures to protect Luiz Renato Azevedo da Silveira;
- expressing concern at the reported attempt on Marcelo Denaday's life;
- calling upon the Espírito Santo authorities to investigate immediately the attempted murder of Marcelo Denaday and to bring those responsible to justice;
- calling upon the Espírito Santo authorities to provide protection to witnesses in other cases related to the SDLC;
- expressing concern at the high level of impunity enjoyed by perpetrators of human rights violations in Espírito Santo;
- calling for all allegations of human rights violations committed by members of the SDLC to be treated with the utmost urgency and for them to be immediately, thoroughly and independently investigated.

**APPEALS TO:**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Brazil accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 11 September 1997.