

PM 422-11 - Lucía Carolina Escobar Mejía, Cledy Lorena Caal Cumes, and Gustavo Girón, Guatemala

On November 14, 2011, the IACHR granted precautionary measures for Lucía Carolina Escobar Mejía, Cledy Lorena Caal Cumes, and Gustavo Girón, in Guatemala. The request for precautionary measures claims that the journalists Lucía Carolina Escobar Mejía and Gustavo Girón, employed by the daily El Periódico and other media outlets, have received threats in retribution for publishing articles about alleged acts of violence committed by a group styling itself the "Panajachel Security Commission." The request further contends that this group operates with the acquiescence of the local authorities. In addition, it claims that Cledy Lorena Caal Cumes has received threats on account of her participating in the investigation into the disappearance of her partner, in which members of that group are suspected of involvement. The Commission asked the State to take the steps necessary to ensure the lives and persons of Lucía Carolina Escobar Mejía, Cledy Lorena Caal Cumes, and Gustavo Girón, to agree on the measures to be adopted with the beneficiaries and their representatives, and to report back on the actions carried out to investigate the facts that gave rise to the adoption of this precautionary measure.