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On May 11, the Attorney General's Office requested that army Lt.Col. Luis Fernando Duque and Lt. Pedro Antonio Tellez be removed from their posts prior to facing trial in the murder of three indigenous persons, and the abduction of two others. All five were residents of a village near the foothills of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in Cesar department. According to human rights prosecutor Jaime Camacho, the two army officers illegally detained five indigenous people en route to Bogota. The officers killed three of them. The other two were incarcerated for several days while being subjected to torture and death threats. (Source: Agence France-Presse, 05/11/92)

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