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On Jan. 14 in San Pedro Sula Miguel Angel Pavon, head of the Committee for the Defense of Human Rights and a member of the National Assembly, was shot to death by two "unknown assailants" who fled on motorcycles. A man accompanying Pavon, Moises Landaverde, was also killed. Pavon represented the small opposition parties, Innovation and Unity, in the national legislature. President of the Committee of Relatives of Disappeared Persons in Honduras, Zonate Velasquez, said "the authors of this murder were the death squads." Pavon testified in October before the Interamerican Human Rights Commission in a hearing on the disappearances of more than 100 persons between 1981 and 1985. (Basic data from Reuters, 01/15/88)

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