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## **Guatemala: University Student Leaders Receive Death Threats**

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Twelve university student leaders have recently received death threats from two recent arrivals among the ranks of Guatemalan death squads, Jaguar Justiciero and La Dolorosa. The students, active in the University Student Association (AUE) at the University of San Carlos in Guatemala City, are Eden Boanerejes Hernandez, Neftali Lopez, Aaron Ochoa, Marco Tulio Ponce, Douglas Masariegos, Enrique Bedoya, Luiz Ruiz, Willie Ligorria, Mario de Leon, German Lopez, Hector Salvatierra, and Carlos Izquierdo. On Feb. 28, after two bombs exploded close to Ochoa's home, pamphlets were found scattered in the area warning the students to stay away from the annual student demonstration, Huelga de Dolores. The Huelga, a traditional satire on Guatemala's current political situation, is scheduled for Friday, March 17. The pamphlets named the 12 students, warned them to "think about" their families, work and lives, and closed with a slogan "no more subversive intervention , and the names of the two death squads. A short time later, another pamphlet appeared in the same neighborhood, calling on Boanerjes Hernandez, Salvatierra, and Ochoa to give up their leadership positions in the AEU, "or we will take action...[Y]ou still have time to save your lives." Early on March 1, unidentified armed men attempted entry into Ochoa's home. When neighbors arrived on the scene, the intruders fled, firing their weapons in the air. (Basic data from 03/07/89 report by Guatemalan Human Rights Commission/USA, Washington, DC)

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