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In a report published Dec. 8 in the New York Times, correspondent Lindsey Gruson cites a report by an interdenominational group of human rights monitors covering the Nov. 11-Dec. 5 period. The monitors said eight members of the Roman Catholic Church had been murdered, including the six Jesuit priests on Nov. 16, at least 51 other church workers representing several denominations have been arrested, and 50 church homes or offices searched. Most of the church workers were detained for a short time. The monitors said that at least 37 foreign humanitarian workers have been detained and five have received death threats. They said the offices of five international agencies have been searched or ransacked. Gruson did not mention names of persons or organizations providing the above information.

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