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On July 24, Mutual Support Group (GAM) president Nineth Montenegro de Garcia told reporters that unidentified gunmen strafed her mother's home with machinegun fire before dawn July 22. She added that death threats against her relatives have recently been stepped up. Montenegro de Garcia's sister confirmed that on the day prior to the shooting she received numerous telephoned death threats. She and her infant daughter reside with her mother. The GAM president met with Interior Minister Gen. Carlos Morales on July 23, and insisted that her family members who are not involved in GAM be provided with protection. According to radio reports, Morales asserted that protection was being provided for Montenegro de Garcia's family. He said that the shooting incident was a result of "family problems in the area nearby, and so will soon be resolved." (Basic data from Cerigua, 07/23-29/90; AFP, 07/24/90)

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