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In an Oct. 25 report, ACAN-EFE cited unidentified civilian sources as saying that a Catholic priest and several nuns who work in Honduran communities near the Salvadoran border have been targeted with death threats by members of an extreme rightwing paramilitary group. The Rev. Ovidio Valle and two nuns were ambushed Oct. 15 by several armed men while driving to the Florida de Opatolor parish. Civilians told the news service that Valle and others are targets because of "solidarity with the poorest of the poor." Christian communities in the southwestern region of the country have reported on several occasions being victims of "aggression" by military units and civilian rightwing extremists.

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