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According to the fourth annual report by the New York- based Human Rights Watch, released Dec. 6, a total of 31 rights monitors were killed world-wide in 1990 and another eight "disappeared" after being taken into custody by authorities. This year, the largest number of killings of human rights monitors occurred in Guatemala, where eight people were killed and two "disappeared." The report said, "That such a small, country, with a population of only nine million, should earn this dubious distinction is indicative of its disastrous human rights situation." (Basic data from AFP, 12/06/90)

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