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On May 19 in Guatemala City, Loyola Guzman, executive secretary of the Latin American Associations of Relatives of the Detained and Disappeared Federation (FEDEFAM), told reporters that Guatemala outranks all other Latin American nations in terms of the number of "disappeared." According to FEDEFAM, 100,000 Latin Americans are disappeared: 45,000 in Guatemala; 30,000, Argentina; 12,000, Haiti; 7,000, El Salvador; 5,000, Mexico; 3,000, Peru; 2,500, Colombia; and, 1,000, Chile. Guzman is a member of an investigative commission charged with investigating the whereabouts of the Guatemalan disappeared. (Basic data from EFE, 05/19/91)

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