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For the Jan. 2-Feb. 11 period, the Guatemala Human Rights Commission (GHRC) documented 119 serious human rights abuses, including murders, physical assaults, torture, attempted murders and death threats. Of 84 murder victims, 65 were identified. In 21 of the 84 cases, victims had been tortured, and 12 were shot execution-style. Death threat recipients numbered 22. Of the total 119 abuse cases, 38 occurred in Guatemala City; 18 in Solola department; 13, Santa Rosa; 11, El Quiche; 8, Retalhuleu; 5, Sacatepequez; 4 each, Baja Verapaz and El Progreso; 3 each, Escuintla, Guatemala and Quetzaltenango; 2 each, Jutiapa, Sacatepequez and San Marcos; and 1 each, Alta Verapaz, Chichicastenango, and Izabal. [Basic data from 01/13/93, 01/20/92, 02/03/92, 02/05/92, 02/13/92, 02/18/92 reports by Guatemala Human Rights Commission (Washington, DC)]

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