

## HONDURAS

### Capture of suspected killers of labor leader Altagracia Fuentes

In May 2008, RRN wrote to officials in Honduras to investigate the brutal assassination of Rosa Altagracia Fuentes, the General Secretary of the Workers' Confederation of Honduras (CTH); CTH Treasurer Virginia García de Sánchez; and driver Juan Bautista Gálvez. The car in which they were traveling was pulled over and **six armed men opened fire at short range. Altagracia Fuentes was shot sixteen times.** She had received death threats because of her efforts to organize workers in the area around San Pedro Sula.

#### **Good news: May 2009**

On May 4, agents of the National Directorate of Criminal Investigations and the Preventative Police **apprehended gang members Alexander Armando Reyes Ferrera and Elmer Alberto Orellana Dubón, wanted for the April 2008 murder of labor leader Altagracia Fuentes** and her companions Virginia García and Juan Bautista. The men are also linked to the November 2008 murder of Mario Fernando Hernández Bonilla, alternate vice president of the National Congress, and the December 2008 murder of police subcommissioner Marco Tulio Reyes. Police believe Reyes Ferrera to have been acting as the head of the Mara 18 gang.

[note: Gang members often function as hired assassins.]