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26. On March 30, 2007, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Messrs. Daniel Joseph Vogt, Arnaldo Yat Coc, and Juan Antonio Chen Dubon, human rights defenders. The Commission's decision is based on information according to which then beneficiaries have been subjected to threats and intimidation for defending the rights of the Maya Q'eqchi communities in the municipality of El Estor and offering them legal counsel in the dispute over property rights over land claimed by a local mining company. In addition, the IACHR was informed that on February 13, 2007, an unknown person was said to have broken into the Sagrado Corazón de Jesús church in Puerto Barrios, where the beneficiary Vogt is the priest, and to have stolen personal items used in their activities as human rights defenders. The Commission asked the Guatemalan State to adopt the measures necessary to guarantee the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries, and to report on the actions adopted to investigate judicially the facts that gave rise to the precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the beneficiaries.