



CENTRAL AMERICA SPECIAL ACTION (CASA)

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CASA 02/82 19 recent arrests

The following persons were detained between 4 - 14 December 1981 by members of the Salvadorian security forces. The detention of the people named below has not been acknowledged by the Salvadorian authorities. There are grave fears that they might "disappear" if not acknowledged to be in detention.

1. Eduardo de Jesus MONTERROSA

Small businessman, aged 51, arrested on 14 December 1981 while on his way to the San Sebastian market in San Vicente by members of the National Guard.

2. Eduardo DIAZ VALENCIA

Student, aged 15, arrested on 14 December 1981 by members of the security forces in his home in colonia Bernal, San Salvador.

3. Guillermo DIAZ VALENCIA

Student, aged 19, arrested on 14 December 1981 with his brother Eduardo DIAZ VALENCIA (above) by members of the security forces at their home in colonia Bernal, San Salvador.

4. Juan Francisco CISNEROS

Nurse arrested on 14 December 1981 at his home in San Salvador by members of the security forces.

5. Rodolfo Orlando RENDON DUARTE

Driver, aged 49, arrested on 11 December 1981 at his home in colonia San Mauricio, Mejicanos, by uniformed members of the army and men in plain clothes believed by eye witnesses to be members of the security forces.

6. Oscar BRIZUELA ORELLANA

Small farmer, aged 35, arrested by uniformed army soldiers in Ayutuxtepeque, department of San Salvador on 10 December 1981.

7. Transito Rugen REYES RIVERA

Shoemaker, aged 21, arrested on 10 December 1981 near the health clinic in Mejicanos, San Salvador by members of the security forces.

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8. Julio Eduardo ALVARADO SANDOVAL

Carpenter, aged 20, arrested on 9 December 1981 at a bus stop in Mejicanos by soldiers of the First Infantry Brigade who forced him into a minibus. He was reportedly handed over to the National Police.

9. Esperanza ALVARADO RODRIGUEZ

Maid, aged 22, arrested on 9 December 1981 at the 7 Joyas hacienda on the slopes of the Chincontepic volcano in San Vicente by uniformed army soldiers.

10. Inocente ALVARADO MARTINEZ

Peasant, aged 54, arrested with Esperanza ALVARADO RODRIGUEZ (above) on 9 December 1981 at the 7 Joyas hacienda on the slopes of the Chincontepic volcano in San Vicente by uniformed army soldiers.

11. Elias Alejandro MAYER GONZALEZ

Worker, aged 25, arrested in San Salvador on 9 December 1981 by members of the security forces.

12. José Francisco SANCHEZ ALVARADO

Employee, aged 23, arrested on 9 December 1981 in San Salvador by members of the security forces. He was reportedly handed over to the National Police.

13. Manuel de Jesus RIVERA MORALES

Peasant, aged 37, arrested on 9 December 1981 at his home in Mejicanos, San Salvador by members of the security forces.

14. Adan BONILLA

Student, aged 21, arrested on 8 December 1981 in Ayutuxtepeque, department of San Salvador by uniformed members of the Atlacatl squadron of the National Guard.

15. Alberto Antonio RODRIGUEZ

Economics student, aged 26, arrested on 8 December 1981 near the general cemetery in San Salvador by uniformed members of the National Police.

16. Amado Adalberto MORATAYA

Medical student, arrested on 7 December 1981 at his home in San Salvador by uniformed members of the National Police.

17. Araceli MORATAYA TARA

Background information

Human rights violations on a massive scale in El Salvador continue to be brought to the attention of Amnesty International. Amnesty International is aware that these violations of human rights have occurred at a time of civil conflict between guerrilla groups and the Salvadorian authorities. However, there is a systematic pattern of human rights violations, including torture, "disappearance" and cold-blooded murder being carried out by the Salvadorian security forces, and directed against people not involved in guerrilla activities. Testimonies received by Amnesty International implicate all branches of the Salvadorian security forces in gross abuses of human rights.

Recommended Action

Telegrams/express letters/letters expressing concern about the arrest of these 19 people and urging that their physical safety be guaranteed. Please also request details of their place of detention and their legal situation.

Appeals to:

Coronel Jaime Abdul Gutierrez (Vice-president and commander-in-
Vice-presidente de la Junta de -chief of the armed forces)
El Salvador
Casa Presidencial
San Salvador, El Salvador

Appeals for those arrested by the National Guard may also be sent to:

Coronel Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova (Director of the National Guard)
Director de la Guardia Nacional
Colonia Atlactl
San Salvador, El Salvador

Appeals for those arrested by the army may also be sent to:

Coronel Rafael Flores Lima (Army Chief of Staff)
Jefe de Estado Mayor del Ejército
Calle Concepción, Final Pasaje Merazo
San Salvador, El Salvador

Appeals for those arrested by the National Police may also be sent to:

Coronel Carlos López Nuila (Director of the National Police)
Director de la Policía Nacional
6 calle Oriente, San Salvador, El Salvador

For students some appeals may be sent to the Minister of Education:

Ing. Carlos Aquilino Duarte
Ministro de Educación, Ministerio de Educación,
San Salvador, El Salvador

For workers and employees some appeals may be sent to the Minister of Labour:

Dr Julio Alfredo Samayoa
Ministro de Trabajo
Ministerio de Trabajo
2 Avenida Norte
San Salvador, El Salvador

Copies of appeals to:

Orientación, Arzobispado de San Salvador, Seminario San José de la Montaña,
San Salvador, El Salvador

and to the Salvadorian diplomatic representatives in your country.

Note

Appeals should also be encouraged from relevant occupational groups, for example: student groups on behalf of the detained students, nurses on behalf of Juan Francisco Cisneros, etc.