

URGENT amnesty international URGENT ACTION

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Further information on UA 205/82 (AMR 29/79/82 31 August, AMR 29/84/82 1 October) -
"Disappearance"

EL SALVADOR: Salvador Galileo MARTINEZ FLORES
Roberto Antonio ANTILLON NUNEZ
Joaquín Roberto MENDEZ MOLINA
Guillermo PADILLA
Francisco Américo MEJIA BOLAINES (*correct name*)
Ana Elsy RIVERA IRULA
Santos Amadeo VASQUEZ
Mauricio Ernesto MARTINEZ RIVAS
Oscar Romero CIENFUEGOS BANOS

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The people named above were all abducted in Pasaje Contreras, San Salvador, on 19 August 1982 while carrying out activities relating to their professions and work at the National University. They are all either teachers or workers at the University.

According to reports, Mauricio Ernesto Martinez Rivas and Oscar Romero Cienfuegos Baños have been released from detention. The detention of the following has been acknowledged by the *Policía Nacional* (National Police): Salvador Galileo Martínez Flores, Roberto Antonio Antillón Nuñez, Joaquín Roberto Méndez Molina, Francisco Américo Mejía Bolaines, Ana Elsy Rivera Irula. Amnesty International does not yet know where they are being held or what charges, if any, have been brought against them. There has been no news at all about Guillermo Padilla or Santos Amadeo Vasquez.

Further recommended action:

Letters may continue:

- requesting clarification of the legal situation of Salvador Galileo Martínez Flores, Roberto Antonio Antillón Nuñez, Joaquín Roberto Méndez Molina, Francisco Américo Mejía Bolaines and Ana Elsy Rivera Irula, and for details of where they are being held.
- expressing concern about the safety of Guillermo Padilla and Santos Amadeo Vasquez and requesting clarification of their whereabouts and legal situation.

Letters should be sent to:

Sr. Alvaro Magaña Borja
Presidente de la República
Casa Presidencial
San Salvador, El Salvador

Colonel Carlos Lopez Nuila
Director de la Policía Nacional
Cuartel de la Policía Nacional
6 Calle Oriente
San Salvador, El Salvador

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Copies of letters may be sent to the Confederation of Central American Universities in Costa Rica:

Confederación Universitaria Centroamericana (CSUCA)
Apartado 37
Ciudad Universitaria Rodrigo Facio
San José, Costa Rica

- Please take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended action. If possible, send a telegram or express letter immediately to one or more of the addresses given. Other letters can be sent afterwards.
- Telegrams and letters should be brief and courteous. Stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. Refer to relevant provisions in international law, such as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:
 - Article 3 - "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."
 - Article 5 - "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."
 - Article 9 - "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile."
- The name of Amnesty International may be used, although letters written in a private or personal capacity are often more effective.
- Copies of appeals should be sent to relevant diplomatic representatives in your country.
- In Urgent Action cases, Amnesty International has to act rapidly to prevent the ill-treatment of prisoners. An appeal is issued when Amnesty International believes it has received reliable and accurate information in such cases. It is not always possible to verify all details independently and in some instances the situation outlined in the appeal may change. Urgent Action participants are always notified of any significant new information.
- Copies of any replies received from government authorities should be sent immediately to your national section Urgent Action coordinator or direct to the International Secretariat. If appropriate, thank the official who has replied and ask to be kept informed about the case.