



CENTRAL AMERICA SPECIAL ACTION (CASA)

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E L S A L V A D O R

CASA 03/82 15 recent arrests

The following persons were detained between 9 - 27 January 1982 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. Luis Ernesto GONZALEZ ALVARADO

Student, aged 16, arrested at 3 pm on 27 January 1982 at his home in colonia San Bartolo, San Salvador by members of the security forces. His abductors tied his thumbs together and took him away in a red truck.

2. Francisco Antonio FERRER SANCHEZ

Worker, aged 22, arrested at his home in colonia Dolores, San Salvador at 10.30 pm on 26 January 1982 by uniformed members of the army.

3. Pablo PEREZ SALAZAR

Tailor, aged 38, arrested at his home in San Salvador on 24 January 1982 by uniformed members of the army and other security forces.

4. Emigdio SALGADO FLAMENCO

Employee of IRA (Instituto Regulador de Abastecimientos, Institute for Regulating Supplies) arrested on 24 January 1982 at his home in Soyapango by men in plainclothes who identified themselves as members of the National Police.

5. Jorge Alberto PEREZ

Employee, aged 23, married, arrested at 11 am on 23 January 1982 at his place of work Casa Melendez in San Salvador by members of the security forces.

6. Salvador Alberto PALACIOS

Primary school teacher, aged 45, arrested in late January 1982 at his school in Quezaltepeque.

7. Juan Antonio DURAN VALLADARES

Worker, aged 22, arrested by army patrol near the Modelo cinema, San Salvador on 21 January 1982.

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8. Luis Alonso LOPEZ GALAN

Carpenter, aged 38, arrested at 1 am on 21 January 1982 at his home in Ciudad Delgado by members of the army.

9. Gonzalo David ALFARO GARCIA

Tailor, aged 25, arrested on 19 January 1982 in colonia Cucumacayan by members of the army who forced him into a vehicle with no numberplates. During the arrest, he was shot in the legs. Three army tanks later arrived at his home and members of the army raided his home.

10. Efrain SUAREZ MENJIVAR

Student, aged 21, arrested at 12.20 pm on 16 January 1982 at his home in San Salvador by Hacienda police, and taken away in an army jeep.

11. Jorge Alberto GARCIA

Arrested on 16 January 1982 in the centre of San Salvador by members of the security forces.

12. Marcelino MARTINEZ

Carpenter, aged 27, married, arrested at 8 am on 16 January 1982 as he was leaving his home in Apopa by members of the security forces.

13. Juan Antonio MEJIA ACOSTA

Construction worker, aged 24, arrested at 9 am on 14 January 1982 in San Salvador by members of the army.

14. Nelson Ernesto AYALA

Student, aged 17, arrested by soldiers of the airforce at 9 am on 9 January 1982 near the airforce base by Ilopango airport.

15. Julio Miguel MARTINEZ MARTINEZ

Employee, aged 21, arrested on 9 January 1982 in San Salvador.

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 15 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-presidente de la Junta de
El Salvador

(Vice-president and commander-in-chief
of the armed forces)

Casa Presidencial, San Salvador, El Salvador

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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
Director de la Policía Nacional Police)
6 calle Oriente, San Salvador, El Salvador

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

Coronel Francisco Moran (Chief of the Hacienda
Jefe de la Policía de Hacienda Police)
Calle Concepción, San Salvador, El Salvador

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

Comandante (commander of the Ilopango
Cuartel de la Fuerza Aerea airforce base)
Ilopango, San Salvador, El Salvador
and teachers

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 detained students, woodworkers
unions on behalf of carpenters etc.