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The following persons were detained between 20 January - 16 February 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. Francisco CARRANZA CORTES
Agricultural day labourer, aged 13, arrested at home in barrio El Calvario in Apopa on 16 February 1982 by army troops from the Atlactl regiment. (The Atlactl regiment of the army is a special new unit trained by US military advisers, repeatedly named as involved in large scale killings of peasants).
2. Mauricio CARRANZA CORTES
Agricultural day labourer, detained with brother Francisco Carranza Cortes (above) at their home in barrio El Calvario in Apopa on 16 February 1982 by army troops from the Atlactl regiment.
3. Antonio CABEZA MAJANO
Worker, detained at 10 pm on 16 February 1982 in colonia Las Mercedes in Apopa by army troops from the Atlactl regiment.
4. Christina FERRER
Aged 23, arrested at 8:30 pm on 16 February 1982 at her home in barrio San Jacinto in San Salvador by the National Police who took her away in a green truck.
5. Jorge Alberto MARTINEZ
Airforce radio technician, arrested at 10 pm on 10 February 1982 at colonia Lomas de Rios, Soyapango by security forces who took him away in a green and white Volkswagon minibus.
6. Lisbeth Carmina CASTRO SANCHEZ
Student, aged 21, arrested on 10 February 1982 at a bus stop in colonia La Rabida, San Salvador. The next day she was taken to her home and her abductors took a cassette recorder and some money as well as keeping her in custody.
7. Edwin William MARTINEZ HERNANDEZ
Bus ticket collector, aged 20, arrested on 7 February 1982 by military police at a repair shop for buses in San Salvador.

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8. Oscar Armando ESPINOSA MARTINEZ

Doctor, aged 28, works for a health centre in Inamec, department of La Unión, arrested at home in San Salvador on the morning of 5 February 1982.

9. Emelda VAQUERANA PEREZ

Aged 13, arrested in early February 1982 at cantón San Nicolas in Apopa and taken away in a Volkswagon bus.

10. Susana PEREZ DE VAQUERANA

Arrested in early February 1982 with her daughter Emelda Vaquerana Perez (above) in cantón San Nicolas in Apopa and taken away in a Volkswagon bus.

11. Marina Isabel MELENDEZ

Clerk in laboratory research, aged 24, 4 months pregnant, arrested on 1 February 1982 in Ciudad Barrios in Mexicanos, and taken away in a red Volkswagon.

12. José Mauricio OCHOA DURAN

Office worker, aged 38, arrested on 1 February 1982 at the entry road to colonia Guevara in Usulután, and taken away in a grey pickup truck.

13. Wilson GARCIA VILLALOBOS

Aged 19, arrested by airforce troops at 6 pm on 28 January 1982 near the railway by colonia 22 de abril, San Salvador.

14. Antonio MARTINEZ RODRIGUEZ

Car painter, aged 21, arrested at his home in cantón El Limón, Santa Tecla at midnight on 27 January 1982 by army troops.

15. Rodolfo de Jesus ZAQUERAY

Small farmer, aged 25, arrested on 26 January 1982 in San Salvador city centre.

16. Miguel Adalberto ORANTES PEREZ

Aged 32, from Apopa, arrested at 3: 20 pm on 20 January 1982 by security forces in San Salvador.

17. José Ricardo CORADO MARTINEZ

Office worker, aged 33, arrested on 20 January 1982 while on his way to work in San Salvador city centre. On 26 January, his wife received an anonymous telephone call telling her that she should ask the army about him. When she did so, the army authorities denied his detention.

After the compilation of the above list, Amnesty International received information on a further 10 people arrested by the Salvadorian security forces between 29 January - 23 February 1982. The detention of the 12 people (listed below) has not been acknowledged by the Salvadorian authorities.

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18. Anacleto PEREZ ASENCIO

Farmworker, aged 35, arrested at 5:30 pm on 23 February 1982 by army troops in colonia Santa Clara, San Salvador.

19. Rafael CRUZ LOPEZ

Student, aged 16, arrested on 22 February 1982 at his home in colonia Julia y Rosas, Ciudad Delgado.

20. Olmedo ROJAS

Tailor, arrested at 6 pm on 20 February 1982 in Mexicanos.

21. Sergio HUESO RIVERA

Sheet metal worker, arrested at midnight on 19 February 1982 at his home in barrio San Sebastian, Ciudad Delgado by army troops who took him away in a white vehicle.

22. José Antonio ENRIQUEZ PENA

Radio technician, aged 32, arrested at 9 am on 17 February 1982 at his home in colonia Las Mercedes in Apopa.

23. Carmen JIMENEZ VILLALOBOS

Arrested at 8:30 am on 16 February 1982 near the Social Security Institute in barrio San Jacinto, San Salvador.

24. Francisco Guillermo TINEDA DIAZ

Small shopkeeper, aged 30, arrested on 10 February 1982 when he left his home in barrio San Miguelito in San Salvador.

25. Oscar Alejandro MORAN CATALAN

Office worker, aged 45, arrested by police and paramilitary forces at 11:30 am on 10 February 1982 in San Salvador.

26. Santos Managano PEREZ MELENDEZ

Aged 17, arrested at 11 am on 30 January 1982 by members of the National Police at his place of work in Santa Tecla.

27. Rafael LOPEZ MARTINEZ

Farmworker, aged 19, arrested at 7 am on 29 January 1982 in Iztapeque.

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.

