



# CENTRAL AMERICA SPECIAL ACTION (CASA)

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## 40 Recent Arrests

The following persons were detained in El Salvador between 3 February and 6 March 1982 by members of the Salvadorian security forces. The detention of the people named below has not been acknowledged by the Salvadorian authorities, and there are grave fears that they might "disappear" if not acknowledged to be in detention.

1. Ramón Eduardo MORATALLA

Law student, aged 37, arrested at midnight on 6 March at his home in Condominio Aitusepec by paramilitary in a truck.

2. Rigoberto GALVEZ SOLSA

Driver, aged 30, arrested at 5.30 pm on 5 March at the local command post of Santo Tomas by army troops who said they were paramilitary.

3. Roberto Antonio CASTILLO MARROQUIN

Student, aged 14, arrested at 10.30 pm on 5 March at his home in Colonia Kennedy, Mejicanos.

4. Gladys América PEÑA HERNANDEZ

Student, aged 22, arrested at 10.30 pm on 5 March at her home in Colonia Kennedy, Mejicanos by army troops.

5. Reynalda del Carmen MARROQUIN RODRIGUEZ \*\*

Student, aged 16, arrested at 8.00 pm on 3 March in canton Santa Barbara, jurisdiction of Huasapa where she lived, by army troops and National Police or paramilitary.

6. Ana Cecilia RIVERA CASTILLO \*\*

Dress maker, aged 27, and cousin of Reynalda del Carmen Marroquin Rodríguez. Also arrested at 8.00 pm on 3 March in canton Santa Barbara.

7. Carmen Llanes PAREDES ARTEAGEA

Student, aged 17, arrested at 10.00 pm on 2 March at her home in Comunidad Hispanilla, San Salvador, by army troops.



8. Felipe CARRANZA HERNANDEZ

Driver, aged 29, arrested at 9.45 pm on 2 March at the exit of the Tiendona Market in San Salvador by the Treasury Police who said they were paramilitary.

9. Humberto REYES VASQUEZ

Student, aged 24, from Colonia Escalon, San Salvador. Arrested at 9.30 pm on 2 March by armed forces in Toyota Mini bus.

10. Reynaldo Ricardo RIVERO CHULO

Mechanic, aged 21. Arrested together with Humberto Reyes Vasquez above.

11. Salvador MORAN MONICO

Electrician, aged 23, arrested at 9.00 pm on 28 February at his home in Colonia Las Colinas, Mejicanos, by paramilitary who said they were soldiers. He was turned over to the National Police.

12. Roberto Alejandro ROSALES

Farm worker, aged 22, from Colonia Meravalle, San Antonio Abad, arrested at 1.00 pm on 27 February by paramilitary or police in green Toyota who turned him over to the National Police.

13. Salvador Alfredo MORAN NELGAR

Construction worker, aged 27, arrested at 6.30 pm on 27 February at his home in Colonia La Fosa, San Salvador by paramilitary or police in blue pick-up truck.

14. Ana Raquel CRUZ HERNANDEZ VASQUEZ

Aged 23, from Colonia Divo y Dime, Montserrat, San Salvador, arrested at 10.00 pm on 27 February, by paramilitary or police in green Toyota and red/orange mini-bus.

15. Mario Antonio FLORES RIVERA

Painter, aged 18, arrested at 12.00 pm on 27 February on his way to see a football game, while drinking a soft drink at Venta El Carmen on Avenida Monterrey in San Salvador. Reportedly held by National Police.

16. Efrain PALACIOS

Teacher at Club El Prad, aged 21, arrested on 27 February and reportedly held by National Police.

17. Francisco RIVAS

Student, aged 17, arrested on 27 February and reportedly held by National Police.

18. Ana Vilma PEREZ

Cosmetologist, aged 20, arrested on 27 February and reportedly held by National Police.

19. Ivan Ronaldo MARTINEZ

Student, aged 17, arrested on 27 February and reportedly held by National Police.

20. Juan José FLORES SANTAMARIA

Aged 17, arrested at 8.00 pm on 27 February at his home in Ciudad Arce, San Salvador, by paramilitary in orange pick-up truck.

21. Edilberto GUZMAN HERNANDEZ

Peasant, aged 21, arrested at 12.00 on 27 February in Mejicanos by paramilitary who reportedly turned him over to the National Police.

22. Maximiliano Ascarino CRUZ

Mechanic, aged 23, arrested at 2.30 pm on 26 February on his way home (Mejicanos, San Salvador) from work.

23. Carlos Alberto VALENCIA NAHRRO

Aged 20, arrested on 25 February in Barrio Las Delicias del Norte, Mejicanos, by army troops in red pick-up truck.

24. Francisco RIVERO ORELLANA

Farm worker, aged 31, arrested at 3.00 pm on 25 February at home in Canton San Rafael, Libertad department by cavalry troops. Now reportedly held by Navy.

25. José Raúl BENITEZ ORELLANA

Worker, aged 32, arrested in the night of 25 February at home in Reparto Los Santos, Soyapango.

26. Manuel de Jesús BENITEZ ORELLANA

Watchman, aged 30, arrested together with his brother José Raúl (see above).

27. Jorge Alberto EVANGELISTA FLORES

Mechanic, aged 21, arrested at 3.00 pm on 24 February in Colonia Altes, Ciudad Delgado where he lived, by paramilitary or police.

28. Leopoldo OLIVARES ESCOBAR

Student, aged 16, arrested on 24 February at his home in the hamlet of Guzman y Camones, San José by National Police. Reportedly still held by National Police.

29. Israel AGUILAR RAMIREZ

Farm worker, aged 19, arrested between 9.00 and 10.00 pm on 23 February at home in Canton Julupe, Chuilchupango jurisdiction, Libertad department, by army troops.

30. Carlos Rolando COREIOS SEGOVIA

Driver, aged 20, arrested at 10.00 pm on 23 February at his home in Barrio Delicias del Norte, Mejicanos, by army troops in yellow pick-up truck.

31. José Dolores MANGANTE GRANILLOS

Day labourer, aged 17, arrested between 9.00 and 10.00 pm on 23 February at his home in Canton Julupe, Chuilchupango jurisdiction, Libertad department, by army troops.

32. José Roberto ROQUE VIDAL

Student, aged 17, arrested at 9.00 pm on 22 February in Colonia Gallejos, San Salvador, by paramilitary.

33. Wilfredo GARCIA ECHEVARRIA

Baker, aged 17, arrested at 2.30 pm on 21 February at a bus stop in Barrio San Sebastian, Ciudad Delgado, San Salvador by paramilitary or police in white Volkswagen panel.



34. Adan VACA FERNANDEZ

Construction worker, aged 20, arrested at 11.30 pm on 19 February, by paramilitary or police in grey pick-up truck.

35. Luis Antonio GUINEA MENDOZA

Dress maker, aged 48, arrested in the night of 15 February at his home in Canton Plan del Pino, Ciudad Delgado, by airforce troops.

36. Carlos Alberto RIVERA

Assistant salesman, aged 18, arrested at 10.00 pm on 15 February at his home in Mejicanos, by airforce troops in two jeeps. He had been planning to leave the country the following day.

37. Clemencia PEREZ de LOPEZ

Dress maker, aged 27, arrested on 11 February at her home in San Salvador by men in plain clothes.

38. Salvador LOPEZ SANCHEZ

Tailor, aged 28, and husband of Clemencia Perez, de Lopez (see above), arrested on 10 February. The same day, men in plain clothes came to his home in San Salvador and took with them cases of material belonging to Salvador Lopez's customers. The couple's arrest has been denied by the authorities.

39. Mauricio Roberto DOMINGUEZ

Aged 37, arrested at 1.20 pm on 23 February at his home in Colonia Gallejos, by paramilitary in white pick-up who said they were National Guardsmen.

40. Maria del Carmen HERNANDEZ de CARDOSA

Aged 25, living in San Marcos. She was arrested at 6.00 pm on 6 March at a bus stop in San Rafael Obrejuelo, La Paz department. She was on her way to San Salvador.

\*\* Stop press: Amnesty International has received reports that Reynalda del Carmen Marroquín Rodríguez and her cousin Ana Cecilia Rivera Castillo (see Nos. 5 and 6 above) have been found murdered on 7 March by km 28 of the Carretera Troncal del Norte (Troncal del Norte Road).

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 38 people and urging that their physical safety be guaranteed. Please also request details of their place of detention and their legal situation.

Appeals to:

General Jaime Abdul Gutierrez  
Ministro de Defensa  
Ministerio de Defensa  
San Salvador, EL SALVADOR

new Minister of Defence (formerly  
Vice President)

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

Coronel Rafael Flores Lima  
Jefe de Estado Mayor del Ejército  
Calle Concepción, Final Pasaje Merazo  
San Salvador, EL SALVADOR

Army Chief of Staff

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

Coronel Carlos López Nuila  
Director de la Policía Nacional  
6 calle Oriente, San Salvador, EL SALVADOR

Director of the National Police

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

Comandante  
Cuartel de la Fuerza Aerea  
Ilopango, San Salvador, EL SALVADOR

commander of the Ilopango airforce  
base

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, doctors groups on behalf of detained doctors etc.