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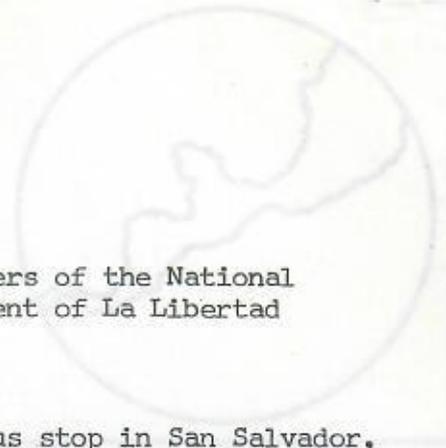
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CASA 19/82 32 recent arrests

The following persons were detained in El Salvador during 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. Jorge Alberto VIDES MORALES
Teacher, aged 40, from Apopa, arrested on 31 March 1982 in the centre of San Salvador.
2. Claudia Yanira RODRIGUEZ
Student, aged 12, arrested at her home in colonia Veracruz, Cuscatancingo, between 9 and 10 pm on 29 March 1982 and taken away in a white Toyota minibus.
3. Cipriano SANDOVAL SANDOVAL
Aged 33, living in cantón El Tránsito, Tonocatepeque, arrested at 8:30 am on 28 March 1982 by members of the air force in front of the bus station at cantón El Tránsito.
4. José Israel MIRANDA PEREZ
Farmer, aged 32, living in cantón Laureano, Ciudad Delgado, arrested on 28 March 1982.
5. Ana del Carmen CANALES PERLA
Student, aged 16, arrested at 10 pm on 5 March 1982 at her home in colonia Kennedy, Mejicanos by army troops.
6. Teodoro ANTON
Tailor, aged 34, arrested at his home in San Salvador on 27 March 1982 by soldiers of the Atlacatl brigade.
7. Ana Cecilia SOLORZANO
Student, aged 21, from Quezaltepeque, arrested at 5:30 pm on 26 March 1982 by National Police and paramilitary agents while she was waiting at a bus stop on route 23 in San Ramon. She was taken away in a red jeep together with another woman (unnamed).
8. Oscar Armando GARCIA
Apprentice in mechanics, arrested on 25 March 1982 at his home in barrio San Felipe, San Salvador by paramilitary agents who took him away in a minibus.

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9. Rafael ROSALES CEBRIAN at 10 am
Farm worker, aged 23, arrested/on 25 March 1982 by members of the National Guard as he was travelling between San Antonio, department of La Libertad and Santa Tecla.
10. Luis Alonso GOMEZ MENA
Aged 24, arrested on 25 March 1982 while waiting at a bus stop in San Salvador, reportedly by a Colonel Larios Guerra and his bodyguards, who, according to eye-witnesses, beat him and then took him away in a yellow pick-up truck. His relatives have received reports that he is being held incommunicado by the National Police.
11. & 12. Mario MARTIR ASENSIO & Della CORDOVA
Mario Martir Asensio, a farmer, aged 45 and his wife, Della CORDOVA, aged 43, were arrested on 19 March 1982 in Santo Tomas by paramilitary agents.
13. José Mercedes GIRON JOYA
Employee, aged 44, arrested at 6: 30 pm on 18 March 1982 with his wife (name not known) at their home in Soyapango during a raid on the neighbourhood by members of the National Police.
14. Martha Alicia GALVEZ
Shopkeeper, aged 32, arrested at 1 pm on 18 March 1982 together with her husband (name not known) during a raid by the National Police on the central square in Soyapango.
15. Carlos ESCOBAR
Truck driver, aged about 35, arrested in San Martin Suchitoto on 17 March 1982 by members of the National Police.
16. Arnolfo LOPEZ
Student at the university of Francisco Juarez in Chalatenango, aged about 20, arrested in San Martin Suchitoto on 17 March 1982.
17. Miguel Angel MARTINEZ LIZAMA
Teacher, aged 25, from Rosario de La Paz, arrested at 7 am on 14 March 1982 at the National Guard post at San Nicolas Lempa, while he was coming from Usulután.
18. & 19. Mauricio Daniel PENATE MOREIRA, Francisco PENATE MOREIRA
Mauricio Daniel PENATE MOREIRA, farm labourer, aged 18, and his brother Francisco PENATE MOREIRA, aged 14, were arrested at 9 pm on 12 March 1982 at their home in Ciudad Delgado by paramilitary agents who reportedly handed them over to the National Police. They were taken away in a Toyota van.
20. & 21. & 22. PEREZ ABELARDE sisters
Reyna Isabel Perez Abelarde, aged 14, Silvia Perez Abelarde and Cristina Perez Abelarde, aged 13, were arrested on 12 March 1982 in Ciudad Delgado by paramilitary agents who reportedly handed them over to the National Police. They were arrested together with the Peñate Moreira brothers but were taken away in a second red vehicle with a black roof.
23. Marta Teresa MARTINEZ GONZALEZ (14) student
24. Francisca de Jesus MARTINEZ GONZALEZ (14) student
25. José Luis MOREIRA VILLEGAS (18) driver
26. José Luis AGUILAR RODRIGUEZ (about 14)
27. José Eduardo VACA (about 14)

All arrested on 12 March 1982 in Ciudad Delgado by paramilitary who reportedly

handed them over to the National Police. They were reportedly taken away with the Perez ABELARDE sisters (see above) in a red vehicle with a black roof.

28. José Antonio RIVERA ALVARADO

Student, aged 14, arrested at 10:30 pm on 13 March 1982 by members of the army at his home in Ciudad Delgado. He was taken away in a green truck.

29. Rafael Antonio RODRIGUEZ

Student, aged 25, arrested at 5:40 pm on 13 March 1982 by members of the National Guard in Cuscatancingo.

30. & 31. Margarito CANILLA PEREZ & Rosa Alicia PEREZ

Margarito Canilla Perez, aged 16, and Rosa Alicia Perez, aged 12, from Ciudad Delgado were arrested on 12 March 1982 by members of the security forces in Quezaltepeque. They were taken away in a jeep.

32. Salvador VASQUEZ NUNEZ

Aged 18, arrested at midday on 10 March 1982 by members of the security forces in plain clothes who identified themselves as members of the army. He was reportedly handed over to the National Police.

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

Express letters/letters expressing concern about the arrest of these 32 people and urging that their physical safety be guaranteed. Please also request details of their place of detention and their legal situation.

As the political situation is confused in El Salvador following the presidential elections on 28 March, we suggest that appeals be directed to the Salvadorian diplomatic representatives in your country. Ask the diplomatic representatives to pass on your appeals to the appropriate authorities in El Salvador.