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Further information on UA 144/83 (AMR 29/21/83 1 July) - Fear of Torture/  
Legal Concern

EL SALVADOR: Lic. Ricardo Ernesto CALDERON JUAREZ  
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Lic. Ricardo Ernesto Calderón Juárez, Secretary General of the National University of El Salvador, was detained at his home at midday on 28 June 1983 by heavily armed men in plain clothes, believed to be members of the National Police.

In a statement dated 9 July 1983, the Salvadorian armed forces announced that 38-year-old Ricardo Calderón had been handed over to a military judge and that he had admitted working for the *Fuerzas Populares de Liberación* (FPL), Popular Liberation Forces, which is one of the guerrilla groups currently involved in civil conflict with the Salvadorian government forces.

Amnesty International has received reports that he was transferred to La Esperanza Prison, Mariona, which is the main men's prison, after being held for 11 days in the custody of the National Police. He is reported to have been psychologically tortured while in the custody of the National Police and is reported to now be suffering from severe migraine and internal bleeding.

Further recommended action:

Please continue to send letters requesting full details of the charges against him, an indication of any evidence which led to his arrest, and the name of the judge to whom his case has been assigned.

Please express concern about reports that Ricardo Calderón was tortured while in the custody of the National Police and that he is now suffering from ill-health. Request assurances that his physical integrity will be guaranteed while in detention and that he will be given all necessary medical care.

Letters should be sent to:

Coronel Carlos López Nuila  
Director de la Policía Nacional  
6a Calle Oriente  
San Salvador, El Salvador

Sr. Arturo Mendez Azahar  
Ministro de Justicia  
Ministerio de Justicia  
San Salvador, El Salvador

Check with the International Secretariat if sending appeals after  
1 September 1983.

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