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Amnesty International opposes by all appropriate means the imposition and infliction of death penalties and torture or other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment of prisoners or other detained or restricted persons whether or not they have used or advocated violence.

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Further information on UA 39/81 (AMR 34/13/81 19 February) - Fear of torture/"Disappearance"

GUATEMALA: Carlos René RODRIGUEZ (please note correct name)
Elian Dario ACUÑA

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Carlos René Rodriguez and Elian Dario Acuña, both members of the Guatemalan Christian Democrat Party, were arrested by the police on 14 February 1981 outside the headquarters of the Christian Democrat Party in Guatemala City. Reports suggest that fighting broke out between several Christian Democrats and a police patrol after an attempt was made to kill the leader of the Christian Democrats, Vinicio Cerezo Arevalo.

AI has now heard that, following the intervention of the Venezuelan ambassador in Honduras, the two men were located in custody and were handed over to the courts. The police have reportedly accused them of attacking a police patrol. They are believed to be held in El Pavon prison while awaiting trial.

Further recommended action: UA participants who maintain an interest in these two cases may write again to the Guatemalan authorities asking for clarification of the legal situation of Carlos René Rodriguez and Elian Dario Acuña

Letters should be sent to: *President of the Supreme Court:*
Procurador General de la República
Corte Suprema de Justicia
7 avenida y 21 calle zona 1
Guatemala, Guatemala

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Further information on UA 53/81 (AMR 29/18/81 6 March) - Fear of torture/fear of extra-judicial killing

EL SALVADOR: Luis Ernesto OLIVA MUNOZ Nelson MEJIA
Angela Maria CUIEYA Suzanna DE MEJIA

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AI has received no further news about the fate of these two couples and fears for their safety continue.

Further recommended action: UA participants may continue to send appeals to the Salvadorian authorities requesting clarification of the whereabouts and legal situation of these two couples and requesting guarantees of their physical safety.

Please send appeals to the addresses given on the original Urgent Action.

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