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Further information on UA 118/81 (AMR 29/35/81, 18 May; AMR 29/36/81, 22 May - Fear of torture/extrajudicial killing)

EL SALVADOR: Anna Marguarita Gastiazoro  
Eleotherio de Jesús Carcamo  
Rafael Barrera

Amnesty International has received reports that Anna Marguarita Gastiazoro was presented by Salvadorian authorities on television around 25 May in an apparent attempt by the Salvadorian authorities to prove that people in El Salvador - contrary to worldwide belief - do not "disappear". This was apparently in response to widespread international inquiries on her behalf.

Anna Marguarita Gastiazoro has been accused of being a member of the *Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN)*, the Farabundo Martí Front for National Liberation (the military arm of the *Frente Democrático Revolucionario*). Reliable sources indicate, however, that Anna Marguarita was not involved in any armed activities. She has also been charged with having supported guerrilla activities, with having used a false name when she appeared at a conference in Madrid, and with having undermined El Salvador's international prestige by having attacked the present government at international meetings. This apparently refers to the addresses she delivered to the 10th Socialist International Women's Conference held in Vancouver (October 1978) and the 11th Socialist International Women's Conference held in Madrid (November 1980), which is outlawed by El Salvador's new Decree Law 507 (of 1 January 1981) which establishes that in order to prove someone's guilt "it will be sufficient to establish that the accused belongs to organizations that have accepted responsibility for publicized crimes or that, through whatever means, proclaim attacking order or state security or incite the commitment of acts attacking the national economy".

Anna Marguarita Gastiazoro will be tried before a military court, and has recently been transferred to the women's prison in Ilopango. Eleotheria de Jesús Carcamo is now being held at the Santa Tecla prison. There is no further news on Rafael Barrera.

Further recommended action:

- Letters requesting the authorities that the safety of the three above be guaranteed and asking for clarification on the whereabouts of Rafael Barrera, and on the legal situation of both Rafael Barrera and Eleotheria de Jesús Carcamo.
- Letters to the President of the Supreme Court requesting details about the charges against Anna Marguarita Gastiazoro and requesting that she be given a fair trial:

Lic. Leonel García Delgado  
Presidente de la Corte Suprema de Justicia  
Palacio Nacional  
San Salvador, El Salvador

Copies to the Minister of Justice:  
Dr. Mario Antonio Solano  
Ministro de Justicia  
Ministerio de Justicia  
San Salvador, El Salvador

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