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Further information on UA 213/83 (AMR 29/35/83 21 September) - "Disappearance"

EL SALVADOR: Pedro FLORES PEÑA
Hugo Francisco CARRILLO CABRERA
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Amnesty International has received reports that Pedro Flores Peña was found dead on 24 September 1983. His wife is reported to have found his severely tortured and decapitated body near the University of El Salvador. Pedro Flores Peña was a law student at the university. He was abducted in San Salvador on 13 September 1983.

According to one report, four days after the body was found the *Ejército Secreto Anticomunista* (Secret Anti-Communist Army), a paramilitary group, admitted that they had kidnapped Pedro Flores Peña but claimed that he was still alive and that his wife had mistakenly identified her husband.

Amnesty International is concerned about reports that several other students and teachers at the University of El Salvador have been abducted during the past few weeks. Amilcar MARTINEZ ARGUERA, a professor at the International Relations Department at the university, is reported to have been taken from his home in San Salvador on or around 20 September 1983. Amilcar Martínez Arguera is also the director of social and economic affairs at the Foreign Ministry. A right-wing "death squad", the *Brigada Maximiliano Hernández Martínez*, is reported to have claimed responsibility for his abduction.

On 24 September 1983 two students at the university, Jaime ENRIQUEZ BAUTISTA and Carlos Adilio DIAZ, were reported to have been abducted by men in civilian clothes as they were leaving an office at the university.

The present whereabouts of these three men are unknown and Amnesty International is seriously concerned about their safety.

Amnesty International has received no further news about Hugo Francisco Carrillo Cabrera, head of the International Relations Department at the University of El Salvador, who was abducted on 14 September 1983 by armed men believed to be members of the security forces. Fears for his safety continue.

Further recommended action:

Please continue to send appeals:

- expressing concern about the abduction of Hugo Francisco Carrillo Cabrera, Amilcar Martínez Arguera, Jaime Enríquez Bautista and Carlos Adilio Díaz
- urging that their whereabouts be made known and that they be humanely treated while in detention
- requesting that they be immediately released unless charged and brought before a court
- requesting an independent investigation into the reported abduction and death of Pedro Flores Peña and that those responsible be brought to justice

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Appeals should be sent to:

S.E don Alvaro Magaña
Presidente de la República
Casa Presidencial
San Salvador, El Salvador

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

(Head of National Police)

Letters on behalf of Pedro Flores Peña may also be sent to:

Dr Ramiro Arturo Méndez Asahar
Ministro de Justicia
Ministerio de Justicia
3a Av. Norte y 11a Calle Poniente
San Salvador, El Salvador

(Minister of Justice)

Letters on behalf of Amilcar Martínez Arguera may also be sent to:

Dr Fidel Chávez Mena
Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores
Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores
Carretera a Santa Tecla
San Salvador, El Salvador

(Foreign Minister)

Copies of appeals may be sent to:

Dr Arturo Zeledón Castrillo
Presidente de la Corte Suprema
Palacio Nacional
San Salvador, El Salvador

(President of Supreme Court)

Comisión de Derechos Humanos
Dr Benjamin Cestoni
2a Planta
Edif. Fiscalía General de la República
Centro de Gobierno
Sal Salvador, El Salvador

(governmental human rights commission)

Lic. Miguel Angel Parada
Rector
Universidad de El Salvador
San Salvador, El Salvador

(Rector of University of El Salvador)

Check with the International Secretariat if sending appeals after 7 November 1983.

— Please take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended action. If possible, send a telegram or express letter immediately to one or more of the addresses given. Other letters can be sent afterwards.

— Telegrams and letters should be brief and courteous. Stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. Refer to relevant provisions in international law, such as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 3 — "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

Article 5 — "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

Article 9 — "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile."

— The name of Amnesty International may be used, although letters written in a private or personal capacity may be more effective.

— Copies of appeals should be sent to relevant diplomatic representatives in your country.

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— Copies of any replies received from government authorities should be sent immediately to your section's Urgent Action coordinator or direct to the Campaign and Membership Department of the International Secretariat. If appropriate, thank the official who has replied and ask to be kept informed about the case.