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EL SALVADOR: Ismael RECINOS LOPEZ
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Ismael Recinos López, Director of Public Relations of the National University of El Salvador, San Salvador, was reported to have been detained by uniformed members of the *Guardia Nacional* (National Guard) on 15 July 1983 at his office in El Salvador. The *Guardia Nacional* subsequently acknowledged Sr. Recinos López's detention.

An Urgent Action participant in the United States received a reply from the Director General of the National Guard, stating that Sr. Recinos López had been released from detention on 21 July 1983:

"I should like to acknowledge your letter of 11 August, in which you request information about Sr. Ismael Recinos López, Director of Public Relations of University of El Salvador.

I should like to inform you that Sr Recinos López was handed over to his brother, Luis Recinos López, a priest, at 11.30 am on 21 July. Sr. López Recinos was released as an exceptional case by the General Direction under my responsibility, despite the fact that he belongs to the guerrilla movement 'Fuerzas Populares de Liberación' (FPL) (Popular Liberation Forces).

Yours respectfully and sincerely

GOD, UNITY AND LIBERTY

Coronel DEM Aristides Napoleón Montes
Director General
National Guard"

No further action by Urgent Action participants is requested.

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