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(Amnesty International Statute, Article 1(c))*

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Further information on UA 259/80 (AMR 29/60/80 13 November) -- Fear of Torture/Extra-judicial killing

EL SALVADOR: Abdala Antonio **HANDAL**

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On 11 November 1980 Abdala Antonio Handal, architect and **President of the Chamber of Architecture of El Salvador (Camara de Arquitectura)** was arrested by uniformed members of the National Guard in San Salvador. Amnesty International feared that he may have been tortured and killed by his abductors.

Amnesty International has now received reports which indicate that Sr. Handal is still alive. He is, however, believed to be **in a poor state of health**, apparently as a result of torture by the Salvadorian security forces.

Further recommended action: Please renew appeals on behalf of Abdala Antonio Handal. Please request clarification of his whereabouts and legal situation, and ask for assurances that he is being humanely treated and is receiving any medical treatment that may be necessary.

Appeals to:

Cnel. José Guillermo García
Ministro de Defensa y de Seguridad Publica
Ministerio de Defensa y de Seguridad Publica
Palacio Nacional
San Salvador, El Salvador

Cnel. Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova
Director General de la Guardia Nacional
Colonia Atlactl
San Salvador, El Salvador

Please send copies of appeals to Salvadorian diplomatic representatives in your country.

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