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EL SALVADOR: Dr Angel IBARRA TURCIOS
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Amnesty International has been informed that Dr Angel Ibarra was released from detention on 26 October 1983 and has now left the country.

Dr Ibarra, aged 26, was arrested on 27 April 1983 together with Rev. Medardo Gómez, a Lutheran pastor, who was subsequently released. Dr Ibarra was reported earlier this year to be in an extremely serious physical condition. He was allegedly given electric shocks in the feet and eardrums. His shoulder was reported to have been dislocated and he was said to be suffering from internal injuries. He was also reported to be suffering from bone cancer.

Before his detention Dr Ibarra worked with refugees in association with the Lutheran Synod and was in charge of the coordination of medical care for projects run by La Resurrección Lutheran Church in San Salvador. A Lutheran World Relief spokesman in the USA stated that Dr Ibarra's release *"is a response to anxious and anguished concern of many Christians both Catholic and Protestant in the United States, Canada and Europe. It may also be due in large measure to their active expressions of concern for him in the capitals of their own countries and of El Salvador."*

No further action is requested. Many thanks to all Urgent Action participants who appealed on behalf of Dr Ibarra.

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