



CENTRAL AMERICA SPECIAL ACTION (CASA)

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CASA 29/81 13 recent arrests

The people named below were reported to have been arrested in the capital, San Salvador, by members of the Salvadorian security forces. Although their detention has not been acknowledged by the government and their present whereabouts are unknown, they are believed to be still alive. There are grave fears for their safety while they are held in incommunicado detention.

1. Pastor AMAYA BENITEZ, aged 19, arrested on 16 August
2. Mauro Antonio PEREZ RAMOS, aged 27, arrested on 15 August
3. Juan Ramon MATAVERDE aged 19, arrested on 14 August
- 4., 5. & 6. Fedor STEINLER MENJIVAR, aged 35 and his two daughters Nadia and Anabel MENJIVAR, arrested together by army troops on 14 August in Colonia Divina Providencia
7. Jose Rodolfo MARTINEZ, aged 23, arrested on 13 August
8. Miguel Angel VALDEZ VASQUEZ, aged 25, arrested on 13 August
9. Maria Elsi MARQUEZ LOPEZ, aged 26, arrested at 6: 00 pm on 12 August by National Police
10. Carlos Ernesto SARABIA, aged 17, arrested on 12 August
11. Ana Cecilia PERLA CAMPOS, aged 19, engineering student, arrested on 11 August
12. Roberto Armando CARDONA, aged 30, arrested at 6: 00 am on 11 August by army
13. Victor Manuel MARTINEZ RAMOS, aged 24, arrested on 1 August

Recommended Action:

Express letters/letters expressing concern about the arrests of these 13 people and urging the authorities to do everything possible to ensure their physical safety. Please request an explanation of their arrest and that they be released immediately unless charged and brought before a court of law.

Appeals to:

Minister of Defence:

Coronel Jose Guillermo Garcia, Ministro de Defensa y de Seguridad Pública,
Ministerio de Defensa y de Seguridad Pública, Casa Presidencial, San Salvador
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- Orientación (newspaper of the Archbishopric)
- Arzobispado de San Salvador
- Seminario San José de la Montaña
- San Salvador
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and to Salvadorian diplomatic representatives in your country.

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

The people of Central America have been suffering for many years in the capital, San Salvador, by members of the Salvadorian security forces. Although their intention has not been announced by the Government and their present whereabouts are unknown, they are believed to be still alive. There are grave fears for their safety and they are held in inhumane conditions.

1. Victor Manuel MORALES, aged 24, arrested on 1 August

2. Roberto ALBA, aged 30, arrested at 8:00 pm on 11 August by army

3. Carlos Ernesto BARRERA, aged 17, arrested on 12 August

4. Juan Ramón MATAMOROS, aged 12, arrested on 16 August

5. Juan Antonio WELLS, aged 17, arrested on 12 August

6. Victor Manuel MORALES, aged 24, arrested on 1 August

7. Juan Antonio WELLS, aged 17, arrested on 12 August

8. Rafael Ángel VARELA, aged 22, arrested on 12 August

9. María del Carmen LARA, aged 16, arrested at 8:00 pm on 12 August by National Police

10. Carlos Ernesto BARRERA, aged 17, arrested on 12 August

11. Ana Cecilia VARELA, aged 10, expecting student, arrested on 11 August

12. Victor Manuel MORALES, aged 24, arrested on 1 August

Background notes:

Recent information received regarding several of these people and saying the authorities to do everything possible to ensure their physical safety. There is request for explanation of their arrest and that they be released immediately and brought before a court of law.

Minister of Defense
General José Guillermo García, Ministro de Defensa y de Seguridad Pública,
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