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CASA 40/82 Follow-up to UA 146/81 AMR 29/43/81

Rafael Antonio PEREZ	Martha Luz PEÑA
Orlando CHAVEZ ZELAYA	Yolanda LOPEZ
Rene Max COLOPAS	Zilma PEÑA
Inez de Jesús AUGUSTA TALAICON	Ana Marguerita GESTABOLO
Carlos HERRERA	Mirama Yolanda LOPEZ
Juan Albina MIENTAS	Miguel Angel ORGALA

Amnesty International has received the following additional details on the above-mentioned teachers:

1. Rafael Antonio PEREZ

Correct name should read Rafael Antonio CARIAS FLORES (teacher), arrested on 22 February 1981 at his home in San Marcos. (For further information on him, see AMR 29/48/82 "Political Prisoners in El Salvador" of 11 June 1982.)

2. Orlando CHAVEZ ZELAYA

No further information available.

3. René Max COLOPAS

Correct name should read René Max COLATO. Aged 28 at the time of his arrest in May 1980 near the Banco Salvadoreño in San Salvador.

4. Inez de Jesús AUGUSTA TALAICON

Correct name should read Inez de Jesús ARGUETA PALACIOS. No further information available.

5. Carlos HERRERA

Correct name should read Carlos BARRERA. No further information available.

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6. Juan Albina MIENTAS

Correct name should read Juan Albino MENCHU. No further information available.

7 and 8. Martha Luz PEÑA and Zilma PEÑA

Correct names should read Marta Luz PEÑA RODEZNO and Vilma Aida PEÑA DE ALFARO. Both were forced at gunpoint into a light blue van driven by 5 men, in Santa Tecla, La Libertad department on 10 June 1981. There has been no further news of their whereabouts. Both teachers were members of the Salvadorian teachers union Asociación Nacional de Educadores Salvadoreños "21 de junio" (ANDES), National Association of Salvadorian Educators "21 June".

Marta Luz PEÑA RODEZNO: aged 39. Was a teacher at the Experimental School "Romero Alberque" in San Salvador. She had previously been employed with the Televisión Educativa (educational TV programs), but had left for the USA following several anonymous death threats she received by telephone. Upon her return to El Salvador, she again received death threats. Marta Luz Peña has 4 children.

Vilma Aida PEÑA DE ALFARO: aged 41. Was the principal of the Kindergarten in Comasagua, La Libertad department, where she lived.

9. Yolanda LOPEZ and Mirama Yolanda LOPEZ

Both are the same person. Note correct name Mirna Yolanda LOPEZ. Director of a rural school in Ahuachapán department. She was violently taken out of her home in Ahuachapán on 4 May 1981 by armed men. Her dead body, with her face deformed by bullet wounds, was found on 18 June in Mejicanos, San Salvador department.

10. Ana Marguerita GESTABOLO

Correct name should read Ana Margarita GASTEAZORO (see AMR 29/48/82 "Political Prisoners in El Salvador" of 11 June 1982 for further information on this case).

11. Miguel Angel ORGALA

Correct name should read Miguel Angel AYALA: He was arrested on 13 August 1980 by men in plain clothes, and several days later handed over to a military court. He was then transferred to Santa Tecla prison. (See also CASA Follow-up to UA 219/80 AMR 29/48/80 of 24 September 1980 "Prisoners on Hunger Strike - AMR 29/52/80 of 14 October 1980.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Ask for details of the legal situation of those that have been located in prison (note that all political prisoners held at Santa Tecla prison were transferred to La Esperanza prison in the jurisdiction of Mariona. (See CASA 28/82 AMR 29/43/82 of 28 May 1982.)

Ask for details of any investigation that has taken place into the killing of Mirna Yolanda Lopez, and whether those responsible have been brought to justice.

Ask for clarification into the whereabouts and legal situation of those whose arrest has not been officially **acknowledged**.

Each group should send appeals to one or two appropriate government authorities, according to the information available. Most addresses can be found in AMR 29/39/82 of 21 May 1982.

Copies of appeals to:

Dr. Zeledón Castrillo (President of the Supreme Court
Presidente de la Corte Suprema de Justicia of Justice)
Palacio Nacional
San Salvador, EL SALVADOR

CDHES (El Salvador Human Rights
Av. las Américas y Calle San José Commission)
Urb. Isidro Menéndez, Edif. ACUS
San Salvador, EL SALVADOR

and to Salvadorian diplomatic representatives in your country.

Try to encourage academics in your country to write appeals on behalf of these 13 teachers.