



CENTRAL AMERICA SPECIAL ACTION (CASA)



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CASA 41/82 Arrests of members of the Comité de Madres y Familiares de Presos y Desaparecidos Políticos (Committee of Mothers and Family of Political Prisoners and Disappeared) of El Salvador.=====

Carmen SORTO DE RUANO (aged 52)

Elizabeth Vicky RUANO SORTO (aged 22)

Mother and daughter. Both were arrested at 5 am on 8 June 1982 in their home in Ciudad Delgado, San Salvador department by heavily armed men in plain clothes, and taken away in a white van. They have been seen in an underground cell of the National Police in San Salvador.

Haydee ROSALES CARCAMO (aged 50)

Blanca ALVARENGA

Both women were arrested on 10 June 1982 together with five other members of the Comité de Madres y Familiares de Presos y Desaparecidos Políticos outside La Esperanza prison in cantón Mariona, San Salvador department. They were waiting to visit imprisoned relatives.

Haydee Rosales Carcamo and Blanca Alvarenga have been seen in underground cells of the National Police in San Salvador.

The other five women, whose names are not known at present, remain "disappeared".

Background information

For background information on political imprisonment in El Salvador, please refer to AMR 29/48/82 of 11 June 1982 - "Political Prisoners in El Salvador".

Recommended Actions

Please send appeals asking for clarification of the legal situation of the four women who are being held by the National Police, and asking for assurances that their physical integrity by guaranteed while in detention. Also ask that they be released unless brought before a

court of law and charged.

With regard to the five women whose whereabouts remain unknown, please refer to the 10 June incident outside La Esperanza prison in cantón Mariona in your appeals, asking that their detention be acknowledged and expressing concern about their physical integrity. Also ask for information on their legal situation.

Appeals to

Coronel Carlos Reinaldo LOPEZ NUILA (Head of the National Police)
Director de la Policía Nacional
Cuartel General de la Policía Nacional
6 Calle Oriente
San Salvador, El Salvador

General José Guillermo GARCIA (Minister of Defense and
Ministro de Defensa y Seguridad Pública Public Security)
Ministerio de Defensa y Seguridad Pública
Casa Presidencial
San Salvador, El Salvador

Copies of appeals to

Dr Arturo ZELEDON CASTRILLO (President of the Supreme Court)
Presidente de la Corte Suprema de Justicia
Palacio Nacional
San Salvador, El Salvador

and to Salvadorian diplomatic representatives in your country.