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# CENTRAL AMERICA SPECIAL ACTION (CASA)

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CASA 37/81 Recent arrests

The detention of the following persons has not been acknowledged by the Salvadorian authorities and there are grave fears for their safety while they are held in incommunicado detention.

1. Persons detained by army (current whereabouts unknown)

The people named below were reported to have been arrested in the capital, San Salvador by members of the Salvadorian army.

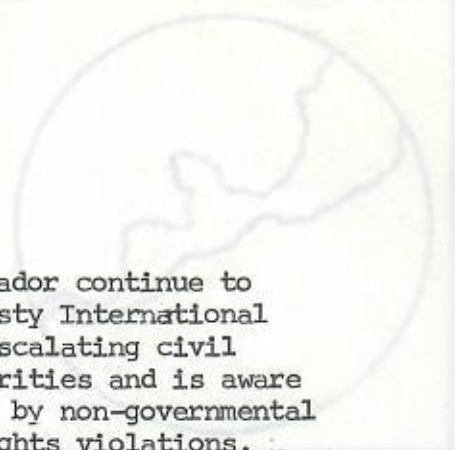
1. José Marcelo GÓMEZ (33) arrested 22 September
2. Carlos Santos PEÑA SERRANO (35) arrested 21 September
3. Cesar Enrique APARICIO DAVALOS (19) arrested 20 September
4. Luis Alonso DÍAZ HERRERA (36) arrested 19 September
5. & 6. Joaquin VÁSQUEZ VARGAS (43) and brother Alberto VÁSQUEZ VARGAS (62) arrested 19 September
7. Simon MERCADO (35) arrested 18 September
8. Angel Rafael CRUZ RUANO (21) arrested 16 September
9. José Wilfredo LÓPEZ CRUZ (22) arrested 11 September
10. Hector Manuel RAMÍREZ (24) arrested 9 September
11. Mario Herbert ENRIQUEZ RODRÍGUEZ (17) arrested 8 September
12. Antonia ANDURAIN DE RIVERA (22) arrested 4 September
13. Ana Maria CRUZ (18) arrested 4 September
14. Rodrigo RIVERA CALDERÓN (42) arrested 3 September
15. Felipe ROMERO MARTÍNEZ (37) arrested 2 September
16. María Elisabeth GUSMÁN DE QUEZADA (26), employee of the National University of El Salvador, arrested at her home on 1 September 1981. She has two young children, Gabriel Francisco QUEZADA (5) and Matilde QUEZADA (2).

2. Persons detained by the National Police (current whereabouts unknown)

Fedor Stanley MENJIVAR  
Ana Isabel MORAN POSADA DE MENJÍVAR  
Marta REYES

Fedor Stanley MENJÍVAR surgeon (34), his wife Ana Isabel MORÁN POSADA DE MENJÍVAR (35), surgeon, and Marta REYES, maid, were arrested by uniformed National Police at 2.00 pm on 14 August 1981 at the Menjívar home in Colonia Providencia, San Salvador.

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Background information

Human rights violations on a massive scale in El Salvador continue to be brought to the attention of Amnesty International. Amnesty International is aware that these violations have occurred at a time of escalating civil conflict between guerrilla groups and the Salvadorian authorities and is aware of reports of human rights violations having been committed by non-governmental forces. However there is a systematic pattern of human rights violations, including torture, "disappearances" and cold-blooded murder being carried out by the Salvadorian security forces, and directed against people not involved in guerrilla activities. Testimonies received by Amnesty International implicate all branches of the Salvadorian security forces in gross abuses of human rights.

Recommended Action

Please send separate appeals for the two groups.

Telegrams/express letters/letters expressing concern at the arrest of these people and requesting the authorities to ensure that their physical safety is guaranteed. You should also ask for information on their place of detention.

Appeals to

For group 1.

Coronel Rafael Flores Lima  
Jefe de Estado Mayor del Ejército  
Calle Concepción, Final Pasaje Merazo,  
San Salvador, EL SALVADOR

Commander in chief of the  
army

For group 2.

Coronel Carlos López Nuila  
Director de la Policía Nacional  
6 calle Oriente, San Salvador, EL SALVADOR

Chief of National Police

Copies to

Orientación  
Arzobispado de San Salvador  
Seminario San José de la Montaña  
San Salvador, EL SALVADOR

(newspaper of the Archbishopric)

and to Salvadorian diplomatic representatives in your country.