



# CENTRAL AMERICA SPECIAL ACTION (CASA)

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CASA 08/82 (AMR 29/16/82), CASA 15/82 (AMR 29/19/82 + 29/51/82),  
===== CASA 19/82 (AMR 29/27/82), CASA 30/82 (AMR 29/46/82) =====

Additional information received since the following CASA actions were initiated:

CASA 02/82 AMR 29/02/82 - 19 recent arrests

No. 5 Rodolfo Orlando RENDON DUARTE

He has since been located in La Esperanza prison, cantón Mariona, San Salvador.

No. 11 Edis Alejandro MAYEN GONZALEZ (correct name)

Upon noticing that he was being followed by a Volkswagen and Toyota, he reportedly sought refuge in the social security building in Colonia Zacamil, where he was apprehended, beaten and pulled out by the hair. His whereabouts remain unknown.

No. 12 José Francisco SANCHEZ ALVARADO

He has since been located in La Esperanza prison.

CASA 03/82 AMR 29/10/82 - 15 recent arrests

No. 1 Luis Ernesto GONZALEZ ALVARADO

He was transferred to La Esperanza prison on 22 February 1982.

No. 2 Francisco Antonio FERRER SANCHEZ

Shoemaker apprentice. Arrested on 22 January 1982 (not 26 January) by members of the National Police (not Army). His detention has now been confirmed by the Red Cross.

No. 3 Pablo PEREZ SALAZAR

Arrested in San Antonio Abad by soldiers of the Cuartel de la Primera Brigada de Infantería (First Infantry Battalion) and the Treasury Police. He was last seen in the hands of the National Police where he was reportedly under investigation.

No. 5 Jorge Alberto PEREZ  
Arrested at his place of work Casa de Repuestos Meléndez. Reportedly held by the National Police.

No. 6 Salvador Alberto PALACIOS  
Arrested on 22 January 1982 at 3.30 pm in the "Republic of Nicaragua" primary school in Quezaltepeque, La Libertad department, where he was teaching. According to eye witnesses, uniformed Civil Defense guards took him to the Alcaldía Municipal (town hall) of Quezaltepeque where family members visited him that same afternoon. He was then reportedly handed over to the National Guard in Quezaltepeque. The following day, Salvador Alberto Palacio's mother went to inquire about him at the Alcaldía, but was told that he had been released. As her son did not return home, she returned to the Alcaldía, where this time the local commander of the Civil Defense corps told her that her son had not been released but had been handed over to the Cavalry soldiers. He told her to go and ask for her son at the Cuartel de Artillería in San Juan Opico, without mentioning that she had been told to do so at the Alcaldía. There is no further news of his whereabouts.

No. 11 Jorge Alberto GARCIA  
Student at the National University of San Salvador, aged 23.

CASA 08/82 AMR 29/16/82 - 27 recent arrests

No. 5 Jorge Alberto MARTINEZ  
Radio technician at the Airforce base of Ilopango. Married with two children. Arrested at colonia Lomas del Rio, Soyapango by security forces who identified themselves as being from the Armed Forces.

No. 6 Lisbeth CASTRO SANCHEZ  
Following her arrest, she was seen in the custody of the National Police. Her present situation is not clear.

No. 7 Edwin William MARTINEZ HERNANDEZ  
Arrested by the National Police and reportedly taken to the National Police Headquarters where his arrest has been denied.

No. 9 Emelda VAQUERANA PEREZ  
Aged 14, arrested on 12 February 1982 at home in cantón San Nicolas, Apopa by National Guardsmen in plain clothes.

No. 10 Susana PEREZ DE VAQUERANA  
Aged 43 and mother of Emelda Vaquerana (above), arrested on 12 February. At the time of her arrest, Susana Perez de Vaquerana was two months pregnant.

No. 13 Wilson GARCIA VILLALOBOS  
Painter, arrested in Ciudad Credisa on 28 January 1982. On 30 January, he was seen in the company of soldiers in Colonia 22 de Abril, San Salvador. From there he was taken to the prison of the Salvadorian Air Force, and again returned to Colonia 22 de Abril. There is no further news of his whereabouts.

No. 18 Anacleto PEREZ ASCENCIO  
Arrested on 23 February by soldiers of the Armed Forces Telecommunications Instructions centre on his way home from work. He was accused of belonging to the popular organizations, but was released on 25 February.

No. 19 Rafael CRUZ LOPEZ

Arrested in Colonia Julias y Rosas, Calle el Comercio, Ciudad Delgado by men in plain clothes driving a Toyota microbus.

No. 23 Jesús del Carmen JIMENEZ VILLALOBOS

Aged 22, arrested by plainclothes members of the National Police and taken to the National Police headquarters. The arrest has been acknowledged. Police stated she would be held for 30 days. There are no details of whether she was subsequently released.

No. 25 Oscar Alejandro MORAN CATALAN

Office worker, minute taker for the Christian Democrat Party and member of the Salvadorian Green Cross. Arrested by members of the Civil Defense corps of the cantón Lourdes on 10 February 1982 in cantón Lourdes, San Salvador.

He was first taken to the local command post in cantón Lourdes, where a relative was told that Oscar Alejandro Morán had been transferred to another place. Thereupon inquiries were made at the departmental command post of Santa Tecla where the local commander stated that he had in fact been arrested and was being held for investigation because commando boots and an olive green uniform had been found in his possession (apparently Oscar Alejandro Morán had been a municipal policeman in Chalchuapa and Colón seven years ago). When Sr Morán's relative returned on 22 February to find out about the results of the investigation and his place of detention, the same commander did not deny having arrested Sr Morán, but would not disclose the place where he was being detained.

No. 26 Santos Magandi PEREZ MELENDEZ (correct name)

Worker, arrested at his place of work Proveedora de Granjas S.A. in Santa Tecla and taken to the National Police in Santa Tecla. On 3 February he was reportedly taken to the National Police headquarters in San Salvador where his case was to be investigated.

There had been an armed assault on the place where he worked earlier that day. His arrest was filmed and later shown on a commercial TV channel.

No. 27 Rafael LOPEZ MARTINEZ

"Disappeared" after leaving home in cantón El Señor, Quezaltepeque jurisdiction for Quezaltepeque City at 7 am on 31 January 1982.

CASA 15/82 AMR 29/19/82 - 40 recent arrests

No. 1 Ramón Eduardo MORATAYA LARA (correct name)

Law student at the National University, arrested at his home in Condominio Ayutuxtepeque, Ayutuxtepeque.

No. 7 Carmen Yanet PAREDES ARTEAGA (correct name)

Arrested in Colonia Escalón, Comunidad Ismania, San Salvador.

No. 9 Reyes Humberto VASQUEZ (correct name)

No. 10 Reynaldo Edgardo RENDERO CHULO (correct name)

Reportedly held in cell No. 7 in the basement of the National Police headquarters.

No. 11 Salvador MORAN MONICO

Taken to the National Police headquarters where he was being held under investigation.

No. 12 Roberto Alejandro ROSALES

Farm worker from Colonia Miravalle. His arrest has been acknowledged by the National Police who stated that he was being held for investigation.

No. 14 Ana Raquel CRUZ HERNANDEZ VASQUEZ

Lived in Colonia Ivu y Dina, Montserrat, San Salvador. Arrested on 27 February 1982 at 10.00 am (not pm).

No. 15 Mario Antonio FLORES RIVERA

House painter. Arrested by two men in plain clothes who stopped a Toyota in front of the stall where he was having a drink, and told him to get in the car, one man saying to the other "If he runs, shoot him". Following his arrest, Mario Antonio Flores was being held in cell No. 20 in the basement of the National Police headquarters.

Nos. 16, 17, 18 and 19

Their incommunicado detention was acknowledged on 4 March by the National Police who stated they were being held under investigation.

No. 21 Edilberto GUZMAN HERNANDEZ

Daylabourer. His name was found on a prisoners list at the National Police headquarters, accusing him of being a thief, marihuana dealer and subversive. He was being held in cell No. 8 of the basement.

No. 22 Maximiliano Pascario CRUZ (correct name)

Reportedly taken by soldiers of the Cuartel de la Primera Brigada de Infantería (First Infantry Brigade), who have denied his arrest.

No. 28 Leopoldo OLIVARES ESCOBAR

Arrested in the hamlet of Cutumay Camones, San José Cutumay, Santa Ana department. Reportedly held in cell No. 20 in the basement of the National Police headquarters, for investigation.

No. 29 Israel AGUILAR RAMIREZ

Arrested at home in cantón Julupe, Chiltiupán jurisdiction, Libertad department by local army troops and driven towards the Chiltiupán local command post.

No. 32 José Roberto ROQUE VILLALTA (correct name)

No. 33 Wilfredo GARCIA CHAVARRIA (correct name)

No. 39 Mauricio JOVEL DOMINGUEZ (correct name)

CASA 19/82 AMR 29/27/82 - 32 recent arrests

No. 12 Delia CORDOVA (correct name)

Nos. 13 and 14 José Mercedes GIRON JOYA and Martha Alicia GALVEZ Husband and wife, both arrested at 6.30 pm on 18 March during a raid by the National Police on the central square in Soyapango. José Mercedes Girón was an employee at Industrias Caprí.

Nos. 18 and 19 Mauricio Daniel PENATE MOREIRA and Francisco Neftali PENATE MOREIRA (student) (correct name)

Nos. 20, 21 and 22 PEREZ AVELARDE sisters  
Please note only two sisters were arrested: Reyna Isabel PEREZ AVELARDE, student, and Silvia Cristina PEREZ AVELARDE, student.

No. 23 Marta Teresa MARTINEZ GONZALEZ (aged 16), maid

No. 26 José Luis AGUILAR RODRIGUEZ, student

No. 27 José Eduardo PACAS (correct name)

The paramilitary agents involved in the arrests of Nos. 18 to 27 reportedly were carrying a list with the names of the people they were to arrest. Relatives who went to the National Police in search of the "disappeared" were told that Mauricio Daniel PENATE MOREIRA, José Luis MOREIRA VILLEGAS and Marta Teresa MARTINEZ GONZALEZ were being held there. The arrest of the others was denied. An official in charge of information regarding the prisoners is reported to have said "I am only given lists, I don't know where they are or what they do with them".

No. 29 Rafael Antonio RODRIGUEZ

Arrested while playing football. Eyewitnesses stated that he was taken to the Cuartel General de la Guardia Nacional (National Guard headquarters). His arrest has been denied.

No. 32 Salvador VASQUEZ NUNEZ

Student, arrested at home in Ciudad Delgado.

His arrest was acknowledged by the National Police. He was held in cell No. 18 in the basement of the National Police headquarters and transferred to La Esperanza prison on 23 March 1982. While under investigation at the National Police headquarters, he was reportedly beaten in the stomach and chest, blindfolded and interrogated as to whether he was a subversive and who his subversive friends were. Still blindfolded, he was reportedly asked to sign a document which he did in the hope of being released. His present situation is not known.

CASA 30/82 AMR 29/46/82 - 50 recent arrests/unacknowledged detentions

No. 10 Margoth PASCACIO DE LOPEZ (correct name)

Was a member of the Salvadorian teachers union Asociación Nacional de Educadores Salvadoreños "21 de junio" (ANDES 21 de junio) and was in charge of the ANDES cooperative CO-ANDES. Reportedly being held at the National Police headquarters. She is in poor health.

Recommended Actions

For those people who have been located in prison, please send appeals to the relevant authorities, asking for details of the charges brought against them and the date of their trial. Also ask that their physical integrity be guaranteed while in detention.

For those people who have been located in prisoner cells of the various security forces and who have been acknowledged to be under investigation, ask for results of these investigations and their present legal situation if they have not already been released.

For those people who have been seen in custody of the various security forces but whose detention has been denied, ask that their detention be acknowledged and that they be released unless charged and brought before a court of law. Also ask for guarantees of their physical integrity while in detention.

Please continue appeals for those people whose whereabouts remain unknown following their recent arrest, expressing serious concern at their "disappearance" and asking that details of their legal situation and place of detention be made known.

Additional addresses to AMR 29/39/82 Government Authorities List:

Col. Reynaldo López Nuila (Head of National Police)  
Director General de la Policía Nacional  
6 Calle Oriente  
San Salvador, EL SALVADOR

Col. Francisco Morán (Head of Treasury Police)  
Director General de la Policía de Hacienda  
Calle Concepción  
San Salvador, EL SALVADOR

For CASA 03/82 N° 6 (Salvador Alberto Palacios)

Alcaldía Municipal  
2 C P y Av. J M Castro  
Quezaltepeque  
La Libertad, EL SALVADOR

Comandancia  
Guardia Nacional  
Calle Urrutia 2  
Quezaltepeque  
La Libertad, EL SALVADOR

Comandancia  
Guardia Nacional  
Calle Guzmán 2  
San Juan Opico  
La Libertad, EL SALVADOR

For CASA 08/82 N° 9 and 10 (Emelda Vaquerana and Susana Perez de Vaquerana)

Guardia Nacional  
2 Av. N 1  
Apopa  
San Salvador, EL SALVADOR

and N° 25 (Oscar Alejandro Morán Catalán)

Comandante  
Comandancia Departmental  
1 Av. Nte 1-3  
Santa Tecla, La Libertad Dept.  
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