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Further information on UA 196/82 (AMR 29/74/82 19 August) - "Disappearance"

EL SALVADOR: 23 teachers
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Amnesty International has now learned that 26 people were arrested altogether at the *Escuela República Federal de Alemania* on 14 August 1982. One of those arrested, Ana Lidia Escalante de Serrano, is the wife of El Salvador's Deputy Education Minister, Roberto Serrano, and is headmistress of the school where the arrests took place. She and nine others are accused of belonging to an urban cell of the *Fuerzas Populares de Liberación* (FPL - Popular Forces of Liberation) which is part of the *Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional* (FMLN - Farabundo Martí Front for National Liberation), the guerrilla organization which groups together the main opposition forces in El Salvador. A government spokesperson is reported to have said that the ten would be tried by military court because they were found in possession of anti-government propaganda and that the remaining 16 would be released.

Amnesty International has so far not received the names of those of the original 23 people who are to be tried and those who are to be released, apart from Ana Lidia Escalante de Serrano.

There is no information about their place of detention. However, the arrests were carried out by the *Policía de Hacienda* (Treasury Police) and it is therefore likely that they are being held at their headquarters. On 15 August 1982 the prisoners were presented to journalists but they were not allowed to make any statements.

The following is a revised list of the names of those arrested:

Prudencio MELENDEZ
Walter Roberto ZULETA
Elba ESPINOZA
Zoila Esperanza RAMOS de HORES
Mario GONZALEZ MEDRANO
Carlos Hernán QUINTANILLA
Sergio Augusto ZAMORA
Alicia de ASTORGA
Ana Lidia ESCALANTE DE SERRANO
Blanca América RECINOS DE BURGOS
José FABIAN DEL CARMON MUNOZ
Berta Alicia GUTIERREZ DE RUBOSO

Ana María CASTRO GUZMAN
Ana Cristina de BARRERA
Carlos Arturo SANCHEZ PERDOMO
Ciro GUEVARA
Felipe Jesús REYES DUBON
Francisco de Jesús MOLINA
Jesus DOMINGUEZ
Sra. de MENCHU
Berta Concepción ORTIZ
Luis Alberto MARROQUIN CAMPOS
Isaac David VILLAFUERTE CEDILLOS
and three others whose names are not known

Further recommended action:

Please continue to send appeals requesting details of who among those arrested have been charged and who have been released. Request full details of the legal situation of those who have been charged and where they are being held. Urge that their physical safety be guaranteed while in detention.

Appeals should be sent to the addresses given on the original Urgent Action.

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