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International opposes by all appropriate means the imposition and infliction of death penalties and torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of prisoners or other detained or restricted persons whether or not they have used or advocated violence.

10 December 1981

(Amnesty International Statute, Article 1(e))

Further information on UA 88/81 (AMR 29/27/81 15 April) - Fear of torture/extra-judicial killing

EL SALVADOR: (1) Manuel de Jesús RODRIGUEZ RUIZ
(2) 20 trade union leaders

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(1) On 4 April 1981 Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez Ruiz, aged 21, was abducted by agents of the National Guard in San Salvador. According to reports, he was blindfolded and taken away in a car.

It is believed that Sr. Rodríguez Ruiz has been acknowledged to be in detention but it is not known where he is being held.

(2) On 9 April 1981 20 trade union leaders in the textile industry who were meeting in a factory in San Salvador were arrested by agents of the National Guard. Among those arrested were, Miguel Angel Azucena, Alejandro Carranza and Alfonso Reime Melendez.

Amnesty International has received no further news about the fate of these trade unionists.

Further recommended action:

Please continue to send appeals on behalf of Manuel de Jesus Rodríguez Ruiz and the 20 trade union leaders. Request clarification of their whereabouts and urge their release in the absence of charges and trial proceedings against them.

Appeals to:

Col. Dem. Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova
Director de la Guardia Nacional
Colonia Atlactl
San Salvador, El Salvador

Appeals may continue until 10 February 1982.