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Further information on UA 190/82 (AMR 29/71/82 16 August) - Torture/"Disappearance"/
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The Treasury Police have now acknowledged the detention of the six trade unionists above, although Amnesty International has no information about where they are being held. The six are accused of storing and printing communist propaganda in the offices of the *Sindicato Nacional de la Industria del Transporte*, National Union of Transport Workers, to which they belonged. The police have said that the six men would be turned over to a military judge to be tried in accordance with the law.

The six trade unionists were arrested on 11 August 1982 in the headquarters of their trade union by members of the Treasury Police, who also searched the premises without a warrant. The present whereabouts of the six remains unknown and there is considerable concern for their safety.

Further recommended action:

Please continue to send appeals requesting clarification of the whereabouts and legal situation of the six trade unionists and urging that their physical integrity be guaranteed.

As before, appeals from TRADE UNIONISTS are especially urged.

Appeals to:

Dr Julio Alfredo Samayoa
Ministro de Trabajo
Ministerio de Trabajo
2 Avenida Norte
San Salvador, El Salvador
(Minister of Labour)

Copies to:

Dr Arturo Zeledón Castrillo
Palacio Nacional
San Salvador, El Salvador
(President of Supreme Court)

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Avenida las Américas y Calle San José
Urbanización Isidro Menéndez
Edificio ACUS
San Salvador, El Salvador

and to diplomatic representatives of El Salvador in your country.

Appeals may continue until 21 December 1982.

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