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Further information on UA 342/93 (AMR 19/31/93, 29 September 1993) -  
Torture/Fear of "disappearance"

**BRAZIL: Osório Barbosa de Barros, rural worker**  
**(previously known only as Osório)**

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Following inquiries made by Amnesty International directly to police authorities in the state of Pará, Osório Barbosa de Barros has been located in the town of Curionópolis in the south of the state.

Osório Barbosa de Barros has confirmed that he was detained by police on 8 September and taken to the police station of Xinguara where he was held until 12 September. He has confirmed that during his detention he was taken out of the police station several times to identify suspects and was beaten and tortured. On 12 September he was taken by members of the Political and Social Order Police, *Departamento de Ordem Politico e Social*, (DOPs) to the police station of Curionópolis. He was held there for a further night and day and then released on 13 September. According to Osório Barbosa de Barros, he has been unable to work in the 18 days since his release because his body is still considerably affected by the beatings and torture he received in custody. He has said: "*Meu corpo está totalmente quebrado*" ("My body is totally broken"). He is trying to make arrangements to be examined by a doctor to verify his injuries.

There was apparently never any arrest warrant for Osório Barbosa de Barros, and police officials confirmed by telephone to Amnesty International that he was questioned as a witness in the case under investigation and not as a suspect.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in Portuguese, English or your own language:**

- Expressing concern at the arbitrary detention from 8-13 September of Osório Barbosa de Barros, and allegations that he was beaten and tortured in order to compell him to act as a witness to crimes being investigated in the south of Pará state;
- Requesting an inquiry into the treatment of Osório Barbosa de Barros and into other allegations of illegal detentions and ill-treatment of suspects by members of civil and military police and of the *Departamento de Ordem Politico e Social*, (DOPs); and that all those found responsible for human rights violations be punished according to the law;
- Urging the authorities to remind all members of the police forces that the Constitution prohibits detention without a judicial order, unless the person is apprehended *in flagrante delictu*, and categorically prohibits torture or inhuman and degrading treatment.

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