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Further information on UA 08/96 (AMR 25/01/96, 16 January 1996) and follow-ups (AMR 25/02/96, 17 January; AMR 25/05/96, 20 February; AMR 25/06/96, 22 February; AMR 25/08/96, 23 February; AMR 25/11/96, 29 February; AMR 25/18/96, 29 March 1996) - Arbitrary Detention / Harassment

CUBA Dr Leonel MOREJON ALMAGRO, lawyer, national organizer of *Concilio Cubano*
Lázaro GONZALEZ VALDES, deputy national organizer of *Concilio Cubano*

Rafael SOLANO, director of *Habana Press*, one of the groups that make up *Concilio Cubano*

Eugenio RODRIGUEZ CHAPLE, president of the *Bloque Democrático José Martí*, José Martí Democratic Block, one of the groups that make up *Concilio Cubano*

new names: Cecilio MONTEAGUDO, member of *Movimiento Cubano Reflexión*, one of the groups that make up *Concilio Cubano*

Alberto PERERA MARTINEZ, leader of *Movimiento Paz, Progreso y Libertad*, one of the groups that make up *Concilio Cubano*

Amnesty International has been informed that Rafael Solano and Eugenio Rodríguez Chaple were released on 8 April 1996, pending trial. Also released pending trial was Alberto Perera Martínez, leader of the *Movimiento Paz, Progreso y Libertad*, Peace, Progress and Liberty Movement, one of the groups that make up *Concilio Cubano*, Cuban Concilium. He had previously been detained on 17 February 1996, released on 29 February 1996, and later rearrested. The charges against these three men have not been dropped and they are likely to face trial in the near future.

The three men were being held at Villa Marista, the national headquarters of the Department of State Security in Havana. Rafael Solano was reportedly under investigation on a charge of "*asociación para delinquir*", "associating with others to commit a crime", in connection with his activities as director of *Habana Press*, an independent press agency which is part of *Concilio Cubano*.

Eugenio Rodríguez Chaple was also said to be facing a charge of "associating with others to commit a crime" as well as one of "*peligrosidad*", "dangerousness".

Cecilio Monteagudo of the *Movimiento Cubano Reflexion*, Cuban Reflection Movement, is reportedly to be tried on 10 April 1996, in Villa Clara. He is said to be charged with "resisting arrest" and "disrespect".

Dr Leonel Morejón Almagro and Lázaro González Valdés who were recently transferred to Valle Grande Prison and El Pitirre Prison respectively, to serve their prison sentences, remain imprisoned. Lázaro González Valdés is to serve a sentence of 14 months' imprisonment and Dr Morejón is to serve 15 months' imprisonment.

Amnesty International believes that Dr Leonel Morejón Almagro, Lázaro González Valdés and Cecilio Monteagudo are all prisoners of conscience detained solely for peacefully exercising their rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly. It would also consider Rafael Solano, Eugenio Rodríguez Chaple, and Alberto Perera Martínez to be prisoners of conscience, if redetained.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Spanish or in your own language:

- urging the immediate and unconditional release of Dr Leonel Morejón Almagro, Lázaro González Valdés and Cecilio Monteagudo, on the grounds that they are prisoners of conscience detained solely for peacefully exercising their rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly;
- urging that if brought to trial, Rafael Solano, Eugenio Rodríguez Chaple, Alberto Perera Martínez and Cecilio Monteagudo be granted full judicial guarantees in accordance with international standards for a fair trial.

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