

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 157/97 (AMR 41/35/97, 30 May 1997) and follow-ups (AMR 41/37/97, 4 June; AMR 41/38/97, 6 June) - Fear for safety / Fear of torture / "Disappearance"

MEXICO

Detained: Abundio Casarrubias Hernández
Wences Acevedo García
Pascual Rodríguez María
Catarino Bardomiano (new name)

Reappeared: Martín Barrientos Cortés (18)

At risk of detention: Alejandro Atempa Caltenco
Luciano Jimón Castro
Wences Casarrubias Xinol
Manuel Xinol Jiménez
Martina Reyes Antonio (f)
Juvencio Almazan Vazquez
Fidel García Ramirez
Silverio García
Raymundo Bardomiano (new name)

Martín Barrientos Cortés is reported to have been released on 9 June 1997 after 12 days of being detained by members of the Mexican Army. Four other members of the *Partido de la Revolucion Democratica*, PRD, Party of the Democratic Revolution, a legal opposition party, are still in detention. Accounts of torture and ill-treatment suffered by those already released indicate that those still in detention or at risk of detention may face serious human rights violations.

On his release, Martín Barrientos Cortés confirmed he had been held incommunicado by members of the Mexican Army. He showed visible signs of having been tortured, including burns on his thorax, reportedly caused by electric shocks. During detention his captors reportedly threatened to kill him as well as repeatedly beating him in order that he link members of his community with the *Ejército Popular Revolucionario*, EPR, Revolutionary Popular Army, an armed opposition group.

Reports also indicate that two sons of Leonardo Bardomiano Morales, himself recently released after being held incommunicado by members of the army for eight days, are also at risk of human rights violations. Catarino Bardomiano has been detained and is being held in Chilpancingo prison. His brother, Raymundo Bardomiano, has gone into hiding after hearing that his name was on the "black list" of PRD members and supports being sought by the security forces.

Access to information in the area has been restricted due to the tense situation and the presence of the army.

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

- seeking assurances that those in detention will be treated humanely and will be allowed access to their families and a lawyer;
- calling for an investigation into the arbitrary detentions, the use of torture on detainees and the reported existence of a "black list" of PRD members being targeted for detention;

- expressing deep alarm at the increasing number of reports of human rights violations in the state of Guerrero, the apparent lack of effective action on the part of the authorities to stop them, and the impunity currently enjoyed by most perpetrators.

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