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Further information on UA 56/97 (AMR 41/09/97, 3 March 1997) and follow-up (AMR 41/25/97, 23 April) - "Disappearance" / Fear for safety / Fear of torture

MEXICO Rufino Pablo Mendoza, aged 22

Antonio Hernández de Los Santos, aged 20

Víctor Feliciano de Los Santos, aged 12

Rufino Ramírez Vázquez, aged 20

Francisco Feliciano de Los Santos, aged 25

Alfonso Martínez López

Alfredo Rojas Santiago

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Rufino Pablo Mendoza and Antonio Hernández de Los Santos, arrested without warrant by police in Guerrero State on 16 February 1997, were released in early June. Their whereabouts had remained unknown until they arrived back in their village after a two-day walk from where they were freed in the neighbouring state of Oaxaca. Both remain concerned for their safety, having allegedly been tortured during their detention and warned not to speak to anyone about what happened to them. Amnesty International continues to monitor their situation.

Alfonso Martínez López and Alfredo Rojas Santiago are still in detention. Local human rights organizations have taken up their case and are providing legal assistance.

Amnesty International continues to call for investigations into the human rights violations reported in this case, but no further action by the UA Network is requested at present. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.