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MEXICO Eloy Hugo Almarza Silva
 Januario Crispein
 Jacinta Juárez Pacheco (f) wife of Januario, and their
 three young children

Amnesty International has received information about the "reappearance" of Eloy Hugo Almarza Silva and Januario Crispein. Both men were allegedly detained by members of the *Procuraduría General de la República* (PGR), Attorney General of the Republic, and by members of the judicial police, and were subjected to physical and psychological torture, including electric shock, near suffocation and mock summary executions. Eloy Hugo Almarza Silva was taken to Oaxaca State prison in the city of Oaxaca. Januario Crispein was held in the maximum security prison of Almoyola de Juárez, Oaxaca State. Due to a lack of any incriminating evidence, they were released on 9 August 1997.

Januario Crispein's family has reportedly not been harassed or intimidated by the security forces.

Amnesty International is calling for investigations into the human rights violations reported in this case. No further action by the UA Network is requested at this stage. Many thanks to all who sent appeals, contributing to the release of Eloy Hugo Almarza Silva and Januario Crispein.