

EXTERNAL

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Further information (1) on 227/95 (AMR 18/07/95, 28 September 1995) - Fear of Torture and new concern: Health

BOLIVIA Still detained:

David HERRERA Representative of *Asamblea Permanente de Derechos Humanos (APDH)*, Permanent Assembly for Human Rights, and Coca-leaf Growers' leader

Vicente VIGABRIEL) members of peasant
Cancio NINA RAMIREZ) unions at
Marcial ALAVI) Parque Isiboro Sécura
(note correct spelling)

Oswaldo MAMANI) peasants,
Nemesio MONTAÑO) Chapare area

New names: Estanislau CHILE) peasants,
Francisco VALLEJO) Chapare
Guillermo FUENTES GUTIERREZ) area

Released: Jose CLAROS, Faustino MONTAÑO (note correct spelling) Anselmo CEREZO, José MENEZES VILLAMOR (note correct spelling) René RAMIREZ, Martín VILLAMONTES

Amnesty International has received reports which indicate that six of those arrested between 19 and 21 September have been released. Three of the released men have stated that they were forced to sign declarations under duress. It is not clear whether or not they have been released without charges.

According to information reportedly provided by the *Fuerza Especial de Lucha contra el Narcotráfico (FELCN)*, Special Force Against Drug Trafficking in Cochabamba, on 28 September, David Herrera, Estanislau Chile, and Francisco Vallejo were transferred to the FELCN installations in Oruro; they were subsequently returned to Cochabamba on 29 September, where they are still being held. Relatives of Estanislau Chile have reportedly expressed concern for his health as he thought to be suffering from a pulmonary disease and is under medication. In addition, reports have been received that Francisco Vallejo has been seen coughing blood, which is possibly also related to a pulmonary condition. Unconfirmed reports indicate that Guillermo Fuentes Gutierrez, who is at present detained in Cochabamba at the FELCN, will be also transferred to Oruro.

It is not clear how many of the detainees are at present held incommunicado. Official information has not been forthcoming and the exact number of detainees, their names, charges, place and conditions of detention is still unclear. The new names of those detained and information as to subsequent transfers have been obtained only after repeated requests for information by members of the APDH.

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

- as per original action, with particular emphasis on the request for full official information on the names of the detainees, their place of detention and their legal situation, all of which should be made public.

IN ADDITION:

- urging that appropriate medical attention be immediately provided to Estanislau Chile and Francisco Vallejo.

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And:Commander FELCN

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and to diplomatic representatives of Bolivia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 13 November 1995.