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Further information on EXTRA 82/97 (AMR 19/12/97, 9 June 1997) and follow-ups (AMR 19/14/97, 12 June; AMR 19/20/97, 31 July; AMR 19/24/97, 15 September) - Fear of unfair trial / Potential prisoner of conscience

**BRAZIL** José Rainha Júnior, peasant leader

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On 23 September 1997 state Supreme Court judges in Espírito Santo, Brazil, voted to transfer the second trial of José Rainha Júnior to the state capital, Vitória. No date has yet been set for the second trial.

Amnesty International had been calling for the trial to be moved in order to improve José Rainha Júnior's chances of receiving a fair trial.

The organization continues to be concerned that the charges against him appear to have been politically motivated and used with the intention of curtailing his political activities.

Other Amnesty International networks will continue to work on this case, and no further action is requested by the UA Network at present. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals on behalf of José Rainha Júnior.