

EXTERNAL (for general distribution)

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Further information on UA 08/94 (AMR 23/05/94, 13 January 1994) - Fear of "Disappearance" / Fear for Safety

COLOMBIA: Marisela CARDENAS BUSTAMENTE, aged 13.

Amnesty International has received further information on the case of Marisela Cardenas Bustamente who "disappeared" on 4 January 1994 in Remedios, Antioquia department, after visiting a friend stationed in an army base there.

The military authorities initially denied holding her, but according to reports, the army's 14th Brigade has now admitted to holding Marisela Cardenas Bustamente and have claimed that they handed her over to the state social services Institute (*Instituto de Bienestar Familiar*). Following enquiries by the provincial Procurator's office (*Procuraduría Provincial*), the Institute have confirmed they are holding Marisela Cardenas. However, despite repeated attempts to visit their daughter, Marisela Cardenas' parents have been denied access to her. Similarly, no independent civilian authority has been given access to see Marisela Cardenas Bustamente.

As a result of this denial of access to Marisela Cardenas Bustamente, there is still serious concern for her safety.

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

- expressing continued concern for the safety of Marisela Cardenas Bustamente who has not been seen since 4 January 1994, and who reportedly remains in the custody of the state social services Institute;
- urging that Marisela Cardenas Bustamente be immediately released into the care of her family, or failing that, a reasonable explanation be given for her continued detention and separation from her family;
- urging that access to see her be granted to both her parents and to independent civilian authorities;
- urging that she be treated humanely;
- continuing to ask for an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the abduction by the security forces of Marisela Cardenas Bustamente.

APPEALS TO:

1) President of Colombia:
Señor Presidente César Gaviria Trujillo
Presidente de la República

Palacio de Nariño
 Santa Fé de Bogotá, Colombia
Telegrams: President Gaviria, Bogotá, Colombia
Telexes: 44281 PALP CO
Faxes: + 57 1 286 7324/7434/287 7937
Salutation:Excelentísimo Sr. Presidente/Dear President Gaviria

2) Procurator General:
 Dr. Carlos Gustavo Arrieta Padilla
 Procurador General de la Nación
 Procuraduría General
 Edificio Banco Ganadero
 Carrera 5, No. 15-80
 Santa Fé de Bogotá, Colombia
Telegrams: Procurador General Arrieta, Bogotá, Colombia
Faxes:+ 57 1 284 0472
Salutation:Sr. Procurador de la Nación / Dear Dr. Arrieta

3) Governor of Antioquia:
 Sr. Juan Gómez Martínez
 Gobernador de Antioquia
 Gobernación de Antioquia
 Carrera 42B, No.52-106
 Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia
Telegrams: Gobernador de Antioquia, Sr. Gómez Martínez, Medellín, Colombia
Faxes: +57 4 251 8539 or 251 8559
Salutation: Sr. Gobernador/Dear Governor

4) Commander of XIV Brigade:
 Brigadier General Alfonso Arteaga Arteaga
 Comandante de la XIV Brigada
 Puerto Berrío
 Antioquia, Colombia
Telegrams: Comandante de la XIV Brigada, Puerto Berrío, Colombia
Salutation: Sr.Comandante/Dear Commander

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

1) Association for Relatives of the "Disappeared":
 Señores, ASFADDES, AA 011446, Santa Fé de Bogotá, Colombia

and to diplomatic representatives of Colombia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 1 March 1994.