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Further information on UA 37/01 (AMR 28/005/2001, 7 February 2001) - Fear for safety / arbitrary detention

**ECUADOR José Miguel Cabuyales Alvear, student leader**

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Student leader José Miguel Cabuyales Alvear has been released.

He had been abducted on 5 February by unidentified men wearing balaclavas, who threatened to kill him unless he gave them the names of other student leaders. In the afternoon of 7 February they told him they were going to throw him in a river. They then blindfolded him, took him away in a car and dumped him in the southern part of Quito, the capital.

José Miguel Cabuyales Alvear was abducted after taking part in protests against the government's economic policy. The police deny any knowledge of his abduction and detention.

**No further action is required. Thank you to all who sent appeals.**