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Further information on UA 222/02 (AMR 28/009/2002, 18 July 2002) - Fear for safety/incommunicado detention/possible prisoners of conscience

ECUADORLuis Muñoz (m)]  
David Conrado (m)]  
Juan Pablo Barragán (m)]  
Jose Luis Proaño (m)] environmentalists  
Alberto Saltos (m)]  
Stalin Saltos (m)]  
Ivon Ramos (m)]  
Julia Butterfly (f) US citizen]

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Amnesty International has been informed by INREDH, a non-governmental human rights organization in the capital, Quito, that the eight environmentalists named above have been released. Julia Butterfly, a US citizen, has been deported to the USA. Amnesty International is investigating the terms of their release.

They were detained incommunicado and without charge after demonstrating against the US oil company Occidental, at its headquarters in Quito.

**No further action from the UA Network is requested. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.**