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Further information on UA 385/93 (AMR 29/18/93, 1 November 1993) and follow-up (AMR 29/20/93, 1 December) - Apparent political killings / fear for safety

EL SALVADOR:Eleno Hernán CASTRO

Investigations carried out by the National Police in El Salvador have concluded that the murder of Eleno Hernán Castro, a former military leader of the *Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional* (FMLN), Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front, was not politically motivated. The investigation concluded that the killing was the result of a dispute over a traffic accident involving a local farmer. ONUSAL (the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador) has confirmed this version of events and expressed satisfaction with the manner in which the investigation was carried out. The FMLN has also accepted the conclusions of the investigation.

To Amnesty International's knowledge, no progress has been made in identifying those responsible for the two other killings mentioned in UA 385/93, **Medardo Brizuela Hernández** and **Justa Victoria Orellana Cortéz**. Several other apparently political killings in the last three months also remain unclarified.

NO FURTHER ACTION BY THE URGENT ACTION NETWORK IS REQUIRED AT PRESENT.

Thank you to all who sent appeals.