

EXTERNAL

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25 August 1995

Further information on UA 201/95 (AMR 41/17/95, 15 August 1995) and follow-up (AMR 41/20/95 23 August 1995) - Fear of torture / Fear of "disappearance" and new concern: Possible extrajudicial execution / Fear for safety

MEXICOSantos SOTO RAMIREZ, Indian peasant activist
Macario DE LA CRUZ MARTINEZ, Indian peasant activist

new names: Silvestre HERNÁNDEZ DEL ANGEL
Urcino AQUINO
and one other name unknown

Nicolas HERNÁNDEZ HERNÁNDEZ, aged 24, Indian peasant activist

Vicente SANTIAGO DOMÍNGUEZ
Agustín SANTIAGO HERNÁNDEZ
Antonio HERNÁNDEZ GARCÍA
Lucio HERNÁNDEZ
Abundio HERNÁNDEZ
Miguel BAUTISTA HERNÁNDEZ
Gregorio HERNÁNDEZ
Reyes HERNÁNDEZ ORTIZ
Bonifacio BAUTISTA HERNÁNDEZ
Trinidad HERNÁNDEZ HERNÁNDEZ, a minor
Tranquilino CRUZ GARCÍA, a minor
Emilio HERNÁNDEZ BAUTISTA
Tomás HERNÁNDEZ MARTÍNEZ
Marcos HERNÁNDEZ GARCÍA
Augustín BAUTISTA HERNÁNDEZ
and one other (name unknown)

Amnesty International's fears for the safety of the Indian peasant community in Chapopote Chico have widened into concern for Indian peasants across the whole State of Veracruz. Latest reports indicate that one man has been shot dead by police and others have been arrested amidst reports of police ill-treatment.

On 18 August 1995 in Chapopote Chico, members of the *Judicial y Seguridad Publica del Estado*, Judicial Police and Public Security, of Veracruz state arrested Silvestre Hernández del Angel, Urcino Aquino and another unidentified person.

Children and old people are reported to have been ill-treated during the police operation.

Also on 18 August, 400 members of the Judicial Police and Public Security, together with some hired gunmen, are reported to have raided Cantollano community, in Ixhuatlán district, state of Veracruz. Eye-witnesses report that Nicolas Hernández Hernández, a 24-year-old Indian peasant activist, was shot and killed by members of the security forces as he was running, frightened, towards his house after having seen the security forces approaching. Sixteen other people, listed above, were reportedly arrested by the security forces. There is concern for their safety in detention.

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

- calling for a prompt and full investigation into the killing of Nicolas Hernández Hernández, during a police operation against the Cantollano community, in Ixhuatlán district, state of Veracruz, on 18 August 1995;
- seeking assurances that all detainees arrested in Chapopote Chico and Ixhuatlán (name some of them) are being humanely treated and that they are being allowed immediately access to relatives, doctors, interpreters and lawyers;
- calling for all the detainees to be immediately released unless they are to be charged with recognizably criminal offences;
- reiterating concern for the safety of all Indian peasants in Veracruz state;

APPEALS TO:

1) President of the Republic

Lic. Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León
Presidente de la República
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06067 México D.F., MEXICO

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Salutation: Sr. President/Dear President

2) Governor of the state of Veracruz

Lic. Patricio Chirinos Calero
Gobernador del Estado de Veracruz
Palacio de Gobierno
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Salutation: Sr. Gobernador/Dear Governor

3) Minister of the Interior

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Secretaría de la Gobernación
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Salutation: Sr. Secretario/Dear Minister

COPIES TO:

1) Human Rights Organization

Comite Nacional Independiente
Pro-defensa de Presos , Perseguidos,
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Apartado Postal 7-887
Codigo Postal 06700
Mexico D.F., México

2) Human Rights Organization

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and to diplomatic representatives of Mexico accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 14 October 1995.