

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 56/97 (AMR 41/09/97, 3 March 1997) - "Disappearance"
/ Fear for safety / Fear of torture

MEXICORufino Pablo Mendoza, aged 22

Antonio Hernández de Los Santos, aged 20

Víctor Feliciano de Los Santos, aged 12

Rufino Ramírez Vázquez, aged 20

Francisco Feliciano de Los Santos, aged 25

Alfonso Martínez López (previously reported as Sergio Martínez Santiago)

Alfredo Rojas Santiago

The whereabouts of Rufino Pablo Mendoza and Antonio Hernandez de Los Santos have remained unknown since they were arrested, without warrants, by police on 16 February 1997.

Rufino Ramírez Vázquez and 12-year-old Víctor Feliciano de Los Santos, who were arrested at the same time after allegedly being beaten, were released in an isolated location after several days of being "disappeared".

A fifth person arrested at the same time, Francisco Feliciano de Los Santos, was released on bail on 20 March. He has returned to Guadalupe Mano de León, Guerrero state, temporarily in order to sell possessions to pay his bail.

Alfonso Martínez López and Alfredo Rojas Santiago are still in detention. They were allegedly tortured and forced to sign confessions in Spanish, despite not being able to read or speak Spanish.

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

- calling for the whereabouts of Rufino Pablo Mendoza and Antonio Hernandez de Los Santos to be established immediately, and for their families to be informed;
- calling for all reports of torture and ill-treatment against those named above to be promptly and independently investigated, and for those responsible to be brought to justice without delay;
- urging that any confessions extracted under duress not be used in legal proceedings against any of the detainees.

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