

4 June 1997

Further information on UA 157/97 (41/35/97, 30 May 1997) - Fear for safety / Fear of torture / "Disappearance"

MEXICO

Detained: Abundio Casarrubias Hernández  
Wences Acevedo García  
Pascual Rodríguez Maria (new)

"Disappeared": Leonardo Bardomiano Morales (note spelling correction)  
Martín Barrientos Cortés

"Reappeared": Juan Leonor Bello  
José Santiago Carranza

At risk of detention: Alejandro Atempa Caltenco  
Luciano Jimón Castro  
Wences Casarrubias Xinol  
Manuel Xinol Jiménez  
Martina Reyes Antonio (f)  
Juvencio Almazan Vazquez (new)  
Fidel García Ramirez (new)  
Silverio García (new)

Released: Pascual Rodríguez Cervantes (27)  
Agustín Ojendis Cervantes (25)  
Virginio Salvador Avelino (22)  
Hilario Atempa Tolentino  
Anacleto Tepec Xinol  
Pablo Gaspar Jimón

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Five members of the legal opposition party, the *Partido de la Revolucion Democratica*, PRD, Party of the Democratic Revolution are either still in detention or have been "disappeared" in recent days in the Montaña region of the state of Guerrero. Eight others are being sought by security forces. There is grave concern for all 13, and for all PRD members in the region who continue to face serious human rights violations.

Six of those named as detained in the original UA have since been released. During their detention they were reportedly tortured in order to extract confessions of involvement in the armed opposition group, the *Ejército Popular Revolucionario*, EPR, Revolutionary Popular Army.

Of the original group of those held in custody, only Abundio Casarrubias Hernández remains in detention. Wences Acevedo García, listed as "disappeared" in the original UA, was reportedly held incommunicado. He is currently detained in Chilpancingo prison. Pascual Rodríguez Maria, of the municipality of Cuauhtepac, was arrested on 29 May and is being held in prison in Acapulco. It is feared that all three may face torture.

The whereabouts of Leonardo Bardomiano Morales continues to be unknown. On 28 May Martín Barrientos Cortés was detained by members of the armed forces

in the community of Cucuyachi in the municipality of Atolla de Alvarez. His whereabouts is also not known.

Amnesty International has received reports that José Santiago Carranza and Juan Leonor Bello were released on 29 May after being held incommunicado by members of the armed forces and tortured for three days. José Santiago Carranza was admitted to hospital and Juan Leonor Bello, who made his own way back to his community, shows physical signs of having been beaten.

Alejandro Atempa Caltenco, Luciano Jimón Castro, Wences Casarrubias Xinol, Manuel Xinol Jiménez, Martina Reyes Antonio, Juvencio Almazan Vazquez, Fidel García Ramirez and Silverio García are all reportedly on a black list being used by the security forces to target PRD members in the area.

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

- calling for the whereabouts of Leonardo Bardomiano Morales and Martín Barrientos Cortés to be made public and for their families to be informed;
- expressing concern for the safety of Abundio Casarrubias Hernández, Wences Acevedo García and Pascual Rodríguez Maria;
- seeking assurances that none of the detainees will be subjected to any form of ill-treatment or torture;
- calling for an investigation into the "disappearances", the use of torture on detainees and the reported existence of a "black list" of PRD members being targeted for detention;
- expressing deep alarm at the increasing number of reports of human rights violations in the state of Guerrero, and an apparent lack of effective action to stop them, and to end the impunity currently enjoyed by most perpetrators.

**APPEALS TO:**

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 16 July 1997.