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Further information on UA 157/97 (AMR 41/35/97, 30 May 1997) and follow-up (AMR 41/37/97, 4 June) - Fear for safety / Fear of torture / "Disappearance"

MEXICODetained: Abundio Casarrubias Hernández
Wences Acevedo García
Pascual Rodríguez Maria

"Disappeared": Martín Barrientos Cortés

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

"Reappeared" and released: Leonardo Bardomiano Morales
Juan Leonor Bello
José Santiago Carranza

Three members of the legal opposition party, the *Partido de la Revolucion Democratica*, PRD, Party of the Democratic Revolution are still in detention and one is still "disappeared". Eight others remain at risk of being detained. Accounts of torture and ill-treatment suffered by those already released have heightened fears that the first 12 named above, and all members of the PRD in Guerrero, continue to be at risk of serious human rights violations.

Martín Barrientos Cortés was arbitrarily detained by members of the Mexican army on 28 May 1997. Silverio García (see list above of those at risk of detention) witnessed his detention and reported it to the municipal authorities. Shortly after, members of the army arrived looking for the witness. Amnesty International fears that Silverio García is at risk of being arbitrarily detained and tortured.

Leonardo Bardomiano Morales was released on 2 June after being detained by members of the military for eight days. According to reports he was initially held in a military base where he was tied up, beaten and had water repeatedly thrown in his face. His torturers demanded information on the *Ejército Popular Revolucionario*, EPR, Revolutionary Popular Army, members and sympathizers. He was then blindfolded and transported to a military base near Chilpancingo. He was released near his home town of San Miguel Jolapa.

Juan Leonor Bello was released on 29 May after having been held incommunicado by members of the armed forces since 26 May. He (note change from previous update) was taken to hospital by friends and family for treatment of the injuries he reportedly received while being tortured. His injuries included broken ribs and serious bruising to his abdomen and testicles. During interrogation a plastic bag was reportedly placed over his head to cause asphyxiation.

Juan Leonor Bello was arrested in Telemaltcanzingo, Olinalá, after apparently appearing on a "black list" being used by members of the military to locate

and detain PRD members. Those named above as being at risk of detention are reportedly on the same list. Amnesty International is gravely concerned that they may face torture or ill-treatment should they be detained.

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

- calling for the whereabouts Martín Barrientos Cortés to be made public and for his families to be informed;
- expressing concern for the safety of Abundio Casarrubias Hernández, Wences Acevedo García and Pascual Rodríguez María;
- 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.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 22 July 1997.