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Further information on UA 259/97 (AMR 41/69/97, 6 August 1997) - Torture/ Fear of Torture/ Prisoner of conscience

MEXICO **Julio Atenco Vidal, human rights defender**

Julio Atenco Vidal was released from police detention on 6 August 1997.

Thousands of peasant farmers from surrounding communities had staged a protest in the town demanding his immediate release. Without proof of the charges made against Julio Vidal the authorities were obliged to release him.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.