

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 186/97 (AMR 41/48/97, 24 June 1997) - "Disappearance"
/ Fear for safety / Ill-treatment

MEXICO Ignacio García Muniz

Ignacio García Muniz has "reappeared" and is being held in the *Centro de Readaptación Social de Chilpancingo*, Social Readaptation Centre of Chilpancingo, Guerrero State. He has been accused of possession of *amapola* seeds (seeds from the poppy plant) after the police "found" them in a bag underneath the drivers seat in his vehicle when he was travelling to Atlixnac, Guerrero State, on 20 June 1997.

The bag was purported to have been discovered after Ignacio García Muniz was taken away from the vehicle and interrogated for his presumed links to the *Ejército Popular Revolucionario* (EPR), Popular Revolutionary Army, an armed opposition group that operates in the region. Conflicting police reports were issued following his detention, one of which stating that the vehicle had been searched briefly on one occasion and the other stating that it had been searched twice more extensively.

Ignacio García Muniz is well-known locally for his activism in the *Partido de la Revolución Democrática* (PRD), Party of the Democratic Revolution, a legal opposition party, and Amnesty International believes that he has been targeted for his involvement with the PRD.

Amnesty International has received no further information on Alejandro Sámano Zapata and Martha de Jesús Caballero. Appeals on their behalf and on behalf of Marcelino Díaz de Jesús may cease.

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

- urging a prompt and fair trial of Ignacio García Muniz and for his immediate and unconditional release if no sufficient charges can be brought against him;
- seeking assurances guaranteeing his physical integrity whilst he remains in detention;
- expressing alarm at the harassment of opposition party activists by members of the security forces.

APPEALS TO:

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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 4 October 1997.