

EXTERNAL

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Fear for safety / "Disappearance"

31 October 1997

MEXICO Antonio Aguilar Hernández
Members of his family

Since 27 October 1997 the family of Antonio Aguilar Hernández, a political activist who "disappeared" on 1 September 1997, has been under constant observation in Mexico City by individuals in vehicles bearing no numberplates.

In the week prior to this, the mother and daughter of Antonio Aguilar Hernández met with members of the Ministry of the Interior and the governmental *Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos*, National Human Rights Commission, demanding information on the whereabouts of Antonio Aguilar Hernández, to no avail.

Amnesty International is seriously concerned for the safety of both Antonio Aguilar Hernández and his family.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Amnesty International has documented an alarming number of arbitrary detentions and "disappearances", reportedly carried out by members of the security forces in Mexico over the past year. In one of the most recent cases, six young men were violently detained in Mexico City on 8 September 1997. The bodies of all six were subsequently discovered in circumstances indicating that they had been extrajudicially executed (see UA 306/97, AMR 41/89/97, 24 September 1997 and follow-up AMR 41/92/97, 2 October).

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

- calling for the whereabouts of Antonio Aguilar Hernández to be made known to his family immediately;
- urging that measures be taken to guarantee the physical safety of members of the family of Antonio Aguilar Hernández;
- calling for prompt and thorough investigations into the "disappearance" of Antonio Aguilar Hernández and into the intimidation towards members of his family;
- expressing deep alarm at the number of cases of "disappearance" in Mexico.

APPEALS TO:

1) Minister of the Interior

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and to diplomatic representatives of MEXICO accredited to your country.

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