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## SPAIN: BASQUE INDUSTRIALIST HOSTAGE RELEASED BY ETA

Julio Iglesias Zamora, a 42-year-old electronics engineer, was released by the armed Basque group Euskadi Ta Askatasuma (ETA) late on the night of 29 October 1993 following 117 days in captivity. He had been kidnapped on 5 July 1993 in San Sebastian in the Basque region of Northern Spain.

In August 1993 Amnesty International issued a statement after ETA had claimed responsibility for his "arrest", urging his immediate and unconditional release. Amnesty International unreservedly condemns abuses by armed political groups such as hostage-taking, deliberate and arbitrary killings and others, which contravene international humanitarian standards.

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