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Further information on UA 313/86 (AFR 29/62/86 27 October) - Fear of  
TortureEL SALVADOR: Rafael VASQUEZ  
Sr. CRUZ HERNANDEZ  
Daniel CUELLAR  
Carlos ALAS

Amnesty International has learned that Rafael Vásquez has been released. He is a member of the Administrative Committee of the Federación de Asociaciones Cooperativas de Productos Agropecuarios de El Salvador (FEDECOOPADES), Federation of Agricultural Produce Cooperatives of El Salvador, an affiliate of the Confederación de Asociaciones Cooperativas de El Salvador (COACES), Confederation of Agricultural Produce Cooperatives of El Salvador, and was detained on 12 October 1986.

Daniel Cuellar has been moved to Mariona Prison, San Salvador. He and Carlos Alas were reportedly detained on the Department of Sonsonate while making their way to San Salvador to participate in a protest march organized by the Unidad Nacional de los Trabajadores Salvadoreños (UNTS), National Union of Salvadorian Workers.

Further recommended action: Please continue appeals:

- welcoming reports of the release of Rafael Vásquez;

expressing continued concern about the arrest of Sr. Cruz Hernandez, Daniel Cuellar and Carlos Alas and seeking assurances that they are being humanely treated while in custody;

- requesting details of charges that may have been brought against them and urging that they be immediately and unconditionally released if they are not to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence and brought to trial.

Appeals to:

Exmo. Sr. José Napoleón Duarte  
Presidente de la República  
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San Salvador, El SalvadorCor. Adolfo Antonio Revelo  
Director General de la Policía Nacional  
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Dr. Julio Alfredo Samayoa  
Ministro de Justicia  
Ministerio de Justicia  
3a Av. Norte y 11a Calle Poniente  
San Salvador, El Salvador

Telegrams to: Ministro Justicia, San Salvador, El Salvador

COPIES TO:

Dr José Francisco Guerrero  
Procurador General  
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San Salvador, El Salvador

(Attorney General)

Señores  
COACES  
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(Confederation of Agricultural Produce  
Cooperatives of El Salvador)

and to diplomatic representatives of El Salvador in your country.

Please check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 11 December 1986.

Please take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended action. If possible, send a telegram or express letter immediately to one or more of the addresses given. Other letters can be sent afterwards.

Telegrams and letters should be brief and courteous. Stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. Refer to relevant provisions in international law, such as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 3 — "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

Article 5 — "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

Article 9 — "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile."

The name of Amnesty International may be used, although letters written in a private or personal capacity may be more effective.

Copies of appeals should be sent to relevant diplomatic representatives in your country.

In Urgent Action cases, Amnesty International has to act rapidly to prevent the ill-treatment of prisoners. An appeal is issued when Amnesty International believes it has received reliable and accurate information in such cases. It is not always possible to verify all details independently and in some instances the situation outlined in the appeal may change. Urgent Action participants are always notified of any significant new facts.

Copies of any replies received from government authorities should be sent immediately to your section's Urgent Action coordinator or direct to the Campaign and Membership Department of the International Secretariat. If appropriate, thank the official who has replied and ask to be kept informed about the case.