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Unacknowledged detention/Fear of "disappearance"

COLOMBIA: Bertha del Pilar HERNANDEZ ALDANA, (female), aged 21, teacher

Amnesty International has received information that the detention of Bertha Pilar Hernández Aldana has been acknowledged by the Colombian armed forces.

Eye-witnesses reported the detention of Bertha del Pilar Hernández on 12 November 1992 by a patrol of the army's Mobile Brigade, Brigada Móvil. She was detained at the rural school where she works in the Llana Fría community close to San Vicente de Chucurí, Santander department. However her detention was denied and there was serious concern for her physical safety.

According to the information received by Amnesty International, her detention was acknowledged by the army's XV Brigade, XV Brigada after international appeals were made on her behalf. She remains in detention and has reportedly been presented before a judge, although the charges against her are not known.

Appeals should now cease. Many thanks to all those who took part in this action.