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Amnesty International campaigns for Juan Almonte in the Dominican Republic

In the fourth anniversary of Juan Almonte's alleged disappearance, representatives of Amnesty International will be visiting the country to remind the continuous failure of the Dominican authorities in clarifying his whereabouts.

Juan Almonte, a member of the Dominican Committee of Human Rights, was last seen on 28 September 2009, when witnesses say he was detained by police officers while walking to his office in Santo Domingo.

Ana Montilla, Juan Almonte's wife, will accompany an Amnesty International delegation to hold a series of meetings with government officials and nongovernmental organizations.

The delegation includes: Robin Guittard from Amnesty International's Caribbean team based in London and Carlos Javier Fernández and María Belén Regueiro, activists from Amnesty International Spain.

A public exhibition from over 350 photos collected by Amnesty International's activists in eleven different countries worldwide in solidarity with Juan Almonte's case, will be held at the Colegio de Abogados (*C/ Isabel La Católica #60, esq. Conde, Santo Domingo*) on 28 September at 6pm. Amnesty International's delegates will be present to give interviews.

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