

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 409/97 (AMR 41/117/97, 23 December 1997) and follow-up (AMR 41/01/98, 2 January 1998) - Extrajudicial executions/Fear for safety

MEXICO:

Amnesty International has received a list of the names of the 45 Tzotzil Indians peasant massacred in Acteal, municipality of Chenalhó, Chiapas State, on 22 December 1997. They are:

Alonso Vázquez Gómez
María Luna Méndez, (f)
Rosa Vázquez Luna, (f)
Veronica Vázquez Luna, (f)
Micaela Vázquez Luna, (f)
Juana Vázquez Luna, (f)
Juana Luna Vázquez, (f)
María Jiménez Luna, (f)
Susana Jiménez Luna, (f)
Miguel Jiménez Pérez
Marcela Luna Ruiz, (f)
Alejandro Luna Ruiz
Jaime Luna Ruiz
Regina Luna Pérez, (f)
Roselia Luna Pérez, (f)
Ignacio Pukuj Luna
Micaela Pukuj Luna, (f)
Victorio Vázquez Gómez
Agustín Gómez Ruiz
Juana Pérez Pérez, (f)
Juan Carlos Luna Pérez
Marcela Vázquez Vázquez (f)
Antonia Vázquez Vázquez, (f)
Lorenzo Gómez Pérez
Verónica Pérez Oyalte, (f)
Sebastian Gómez Pérez
Daniel Gómez Pérez
Pablina Hernández Vázquez, (f)
Roselia Gómez Hernández, (f)
Graciela Gómez Hernández, (f)
Guadalupe Gómez Hernández, (f)
María Ruiz Oyalté, (f)
Catalina Vázquez Pérez, (f)
Catalina Luna Ruiz, (f)
Manuela Paciencia Moreno, (f)
Margarito Gómez Paciencia
Rosa Gómez Pérez, (f)
Doida Ruiz Gómez, (f)
Agustín Ruiz Gómez
Rosa Pérez Pérez, (f)
Manuel Vázquez Pérez
Juana Vázquez Pérez, (f)
Josefa Vázquez Pérez, (f)
Marcela Capote Vázquez, (f)
Marcela Capote Ruiz, (f)

New names: **Guadalupe Méndez López, (f), Tzeltal Indian**
 Isabel Santís, (f), 3 years old, Tzeltal Indian
 Lázaro López Vázquez, 17 years old, Tzeltal Indian

On 12 January 1998, Guadalupe Méndez López was shot dead by members of the *Policía Judicial Estatal*, (PJE), State Judicial Police, in Ocosingo, Chiapas State, during a demonstration calling for justice for the above mentioned Tzotzil Indians, victims of the Acteal massacre on 22 December 1997 by paramilitary groups. Her three year old daughter, Isabel Santís, and another peasant Lázaro López Vázquez, were shot and seriously wounded during the demonstration. Amnesty International continues to be seriously concerned for the safety of indigenous people in the state of Chiapas.

Reportedly nearly 8,000 indigenous peasants have been forced to abandon their communities in Chiapas State following intimidation and searches conducted by members of the armed forces and paramilitary groups. These have included acts of torture and ill-treatment, the ransacking of villages and the burning of homes. The organisation is alarmed at the lack of action taken by the government to investigate and dismantle paramilitary groups.

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

- calling for an immediate, impartial and thorough investigation into the killing of Guadalupe Méndez López and the injuries suffered by her daughter, Isabel Santís and Lázaro López Vázquez on 12 January 1998;
- noting that 26 members of the police are being investigated in relation to her killing and requesting to be kept informed of the results of this investigation;
- seeking assurances that Isabel Santís and Lázaro López Vázquez receive medical attention and protection;
- seeking assurances that measures will be taken to guarantee the safety of the indigenous population in the state of Chiapas;

if possible also :

- calling on the federal and state authorities to immediately address the increasing militarization and mushrooming of paramilitary groups in Mexico which has contributed to a human rights crisis;
- requesting the authorities to ensure that the security forces, including the army, at all times and in all places fully uphold international human rights standards.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Sr. Presidente / Dear President

2) Attorney General of the Republic
 Lic. Jorge Madrazo Cuéllar
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Procuraduría General de la República
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and to diplomatic representatives of Mexico accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 27 February 1998.