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**Further Information on UA 50/05 (AMR 41/008/2005, 2 March 2005) Fear for safety/ Prisoner of conscience/ Unfair trial**

**MEXICO** Felipe Arreaga (m) - environmental activist  
Thirteen other former members of the *Organización Campesina Ecologista de la Sierra de Petatlán* (OCESP), Peasant Environmentalist Organization of the Sierra de Petatlán  
Celsa Valdovinos (f), wife of Felipe Arreaga and leader of *Organización de Mujeres Ecologistas*, Women's Environmentalist Organization

**New names:** Albertano Peñalosa Domínguez, (m) environmental activist and founder member of OCESP  
Adalí Peñalosa, aged 15 ] his sons  
Isaac Peñalosa, aged 19 ]

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Albertano Peñalosa Domínguez is one of the founders of *Organización Campesina Ecologista de la Sierra de Petatlán* (OCESP), Peasant Environmentalist Organization of the Sierra de Petatlán along with prisoner of conscience, Felipe Arreaga. He and his family have been attacked by gunmen resulting in the murder of two of his sons.

On 19 May, Albertano Peñalosa Domínguez and his four sons were ambushed by unknown individuals as they were arriving home in the community of Banco Nuevo in the municipality of Petatlán, Guerrero State. Twenty-year old Armando and nine-year old Adatuel were killed, while fifteen-year old Adalí and nineteen-year old Isaac were seriously wounded along with their father. Amnesty International is seriously concerned for their safety and that of other environmental activists in Petatlán.

Albertano Peñalosa Domínguez is one of the 14 OCESP leaders against whom arrest warrants have been issued in connection with the murder of Abel Bautista committed in 1998 for which fellow environmental activist Felipe Arreaga has been detained and is on trial. Amnesty International believes these legal procedures to be politically motivated, in an apparent reprisal for the local environmentalists' role in peaceful protests against the excessive and illegal logging of forests in the mountains Guerrero State. Albertano Peñalosa Domínguez is reportedly unwilling to go to the nearest town to receive medical treatment for injuries he suffered during the ambush for fear of being detained.

Amnesty International continues to fear for the safety of Celsa Valdovinos, Felipe Arreaga's wife and leader of *Organización de Mujeres Ecologistas*, Women's Environmentalist Organization.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Spanish or your own language:**

- expressing concern for the safety of environmental activist Albertano Peñalosa Domínguez and his family following the attack against him that led to the deaths of Armando and Adatuel Peñalosa;
- urging the authorities to ensure the protection of Albertano Peñalosa Domínguez and his family and other environmental defenders in the region, such as Celsa Valdovinos;
- calling for an impartial, prompt and full investigation into the ambush that resulted in the deaths of Armando and Adatuel Peñalosa and for those responsible to be brought to justice;

- calling for arrest warrants issued against founder members of the OCESP in relation to the murder Abel Bautista in 1998 to be suspended pending a review of the original murder enquiry, and for them and their families to be protected;
- reminding the authorities that the UN Declaration on the Rights and Responsibilities of Individuals, Groups and Institutions to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Liberties recognizes the legitimacy of the activities of human rights defenders and their right to carry out their activities without any restrictions or fear of reprisals.

**APPEALS TO:**

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Director of Human Rights - Interior Ministry

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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 4 July 2005.