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Further information on Extra 52/00 (AMR 41/25/00, 30 May 2000) and follow-ups (AMR 41/29/00, 21 June 2000; AMR 41/51/00, 22 September 2000; AMR 41/54/00, 30 October 2000) - Prisoners of Conscience / Ill-treatment / Fear for Safety

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Teodoro Cabrera García

A court has upheld the conviction in the case of two prisoners of conscience, Rodolfo Montiel Flores and Teodoro Cabrera García, detained and falsely charged solely because of their peaceful protest against excessive logging in the Petalán mountains of Guerrero state. Amnesty International expresses its profound dismay at the decision and reiterates its demand for the immediate and unconditional release of the two environmental activists.

On 27 October the court of appeals (*Tribunal Unitario de Circuito*) in Chilpancingo, Guerrero state turned down Rodolfo Montiel and Teodoro Cabrera's appeal. The appeal had been lodged in August 2000, immediately after Rodolfo Montiel and Teodoro Cabrera were sentenced to six years and eight months, and ten years' imprisonment respectively.

The two men were arrested by the military in May 1999. They were reportedly held incommunicado and forced under torture to sign self-incriminating confessions. While awaiting trial they were harassed and intimidated by prison staff in Iguala prison, Guerrero state, where they remain to this day.

No further action is required from the Urgent Action network. Thank you to those who sent appeals.