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Further information on UA 108/96 (AMR 53/01/96, 22 April 1996) - Arbitrary arrest / Fear of torture / Harassment

VENEZUELA Antonio Espinoza

David Capielo, human rights activist

Daisamir Capielo (f), aged 12

Juan Carlos Corro, student leader

Amnesty international has learned that Antonio Espinoza and Juan Carlos Corro, the two people whom it feared were at risk of torture or ill-treatment after being detained and held incommunicado on 18 April, were released on 23 April.

Members of the *Ministerio Publico*, Public Ministry, and of the *Asociación de Defensa de los Derechos Humanos*, Association for the Defence of Human Rights, in Carabobo state, visited Antonio Espinoza and Juan Carlos Corro while in prison and requested a medical examination in order to establish their states of health. The detainees informed them that they had been questioned about their political activities and about the situation in Venezuela, in particular in Carabobo state.

Amnesty International has received this information and the following message of thanks from the *Comisión de Defensa de los Derechos Ciudadanos*, CODDECIUC, Commission for the Defence of Citizens' Rights, in Carabobo state:

"we wish to thank Amnesty International in the name of our organizations and of the people protected by this urgent action for the measures adopted on their behalf...."

("deseamos agradecer en nombre de nuestras organizaciones y los ciudadanos protegidos por la acción urgente solicitada, las medidas que Amnesty Internacional ha tomado...")

There is no further news on David and Daisamir Capielo.

No further action is requested from the network at present. ☺☺ Many thanks to those of you who sent appeals.