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Further information on UA 104/96 (AMR 18/05/96, 16 April 1996) - Fear for Safety / Legal Concern

BOLIVIAAlejo Véliz, General Secretary FSUTCC  
Luis García, Press officer FSUTCC  
Andrés Chávez, trade union leader  
Nelson Rodríguez, trade union leader  
Carmen Rojas, teacher  
Nancy Terán, teacher  
Sonia Ayala, teacher  
Nicolás Quiroga Armiento, factory worker  
Miguel Mamani Fernández, teacher  
and 10 other teachers

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The whereabouts of Alejo Véliz, Luis García, Andrés Chaves and Nelson Rodríguez have been ascertained by their lawyers and human rights organization. The four were reportedly located on 18 April at the Policía Técnica Judicial (PTJ) in Chochabamba.

According to reports received by Amnesty International, a request made by lawyers for Alejo Véliz's immediate release was delayed due to the judge being taken ill. Charges have been brought against Alejo Véliz which include an attempt against the security of public transport and instigation to commit crimes. He denies both charges. The organization has not received any information on charges brought against the other three men.

All other 15 people listed above have been released.

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

- expressing concern about the arrest of Alejo Véliz and the other three men without judicial warrants;
- asking for information\confirmation of any charges brought against the other three men;
- expressing concern that the arrests appear to have been made in connection with the prisoners trade union activities rather than any criminal acts.

**APPEALS TO:**

Minister of Government

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**Salutation: Dear Minister, Señor Ministro**

Mayor of Cochabamba

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Permanent Assembly for Human Rights, Cochabamba

Asamblea Permanente de los Derechos Humanos, Cochabamba  
Called 25 de Mayo entre Jordan y Calama  
Edificio Cine Avaroa 3er Piso,  
Cochabamba, Bolivia

Newspaper

*Los Tiempos*  
Plazuela Quintanilla  
Edificio Los Tiempos  
Cochabamba, Bolivia

and to diplomatic representatives of Bolivia accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 10 June 1996.