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COLOMBIA:María Elena SALINAS GALLEGO  
Jorge RESTREPO FLOREZ

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Amnesty International has learned of the release of María Elena Salinas Gallego and her husband Jorge Restrepo Flórez on 20 May 1991.

María Elena Salinas and Jorge Restrepo were detained on 10 September 1990 in Medellín, Antioquia department, by agents of the Colombian military police. At the time of her detention María Elena Salinas was responsible for the communications department of the Instituto Popular de Capacitación (IPC), a legal, non profit-making training institute in Medellín.

Following their detention, María Elena Salinas and Jorge Restrepo were first taken to the base of the army's III Brigade, where they were reportedly held in incomunicado detention and subjected to ill-treatment, and later transferred to prison, where charges of subversión, subversion, were brought against them. They were released after the judge in charge of proceedings closed their case, apparently on the grounds that there was no evidence against them.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals on their behalf.