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Further information on UA 08/96 (AMR 25/01/96, 16 January 1996) and follow-ups (AMR 25/02/96, 17 January; AMR 25/05/96, 20 February; AMR 25/06/96, 22 February; AMR 25/08/96, 23 February; AMR 25/11/96, 29 February; AMR 25/18/96, 29 March 1996; AMR 25/22/96, 10 April 1996) - Arbitrary Detention / Harassment

CUBA Dr Leonel MOREJON ALMAGRO, lawyer, national organizer of *Concilio Cubano*
Lázaro GONZALEZ VALDES, deputy national organizer of *Concilio Cubano*

Rafael SOLANO, director of *Habana Press*, one of the groups that make up *Concilio Cubano*

Eugenio RODRIGUEZ CHAPLE, president of the *Bloque Democrático José Martí*, José Martí Democratic Block, one of the groups that make up *Concilio Cubano*

new names: Cecilio MONTEAGUDO, member of *Movimiento Cubano Reflexión*, one of the groups that make up *Concilio Cubano*

Alberto PERERA MARTINEZ, leader of *Comité Paz, Progreso y Libertad*, one of the groups that make up *Concilio Cubano*

Amnesty International has learned that Rafael Solano, who was conditionally released on 8 April 1996, left Cuba and arrived in Spain on 9 May. While in detention and since his release, Rafael Solano was reportedly subjected to pressure from the Department of State Security, *Departamento de Seguridad del Estado*, to leave Cuba or face up to three years' imprisonment. The organization is concerned at the increasing tendency of the Cuban authorities to exert pressure on government opponents and human rights defenders who are already serving prison sentences or facing possible imprisonment, to go into exile. Rafael Solano is the latest such example. No further action is necessary on this case.

There is no indication of when the trials of Eugenio Rodríguez Chaple or Alberto Perera Martínez are to take place, but Amnesty International will continue to monitor their cases and take further action if necessary.

Cecilio Monteagudo was fined and released following his trial on 10 April 1996 where he was charged with "resisting arrest" and "disrespect".

Amnesty International is continuing to take action on behalf of Dr Leonel Morejón Almagro and Lázaro González Valdés via other techniques.

No further action is necessary at present on any of the above cases. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.