



Disappeared children: 30 years without Ernestina and Erlinda Serrano Cruz

[The messages sent by AI activists] have had a big impact on me, I'm really happy to see so many children and so many adults joining us in working on the cause of so much pain to our family... I feel grateful to Amnesty International for giving us courage and strength, because they recognise our case, which is such a difficult one.
Suyapa Serrano Cruz, April 2012

On 2 June 1982, at the height of the internal armed conflict in El Salvador, the young Serrano Cruz sisters were taken by the Salvadoran army. Ernestina, then seven years old, and Erlinda, then aged three, were separated from their family while fleeing the approach of the army and the ensuing violence in Chalatenango, northern El Salvador.

The girls' family have never seen them again, and they remain among the estimated 898 children "disappeared" during the internal armed conflict.

This month the family marks 30 years without news of Ernestina and Erlinda. We know that your messages make a difference to the Serrano Cruz family, and on this anniversary, we want to stand alongside them once again, and let them know that across the globe, we are with them. Please send a message to show your support and solidarity – thank you.

Suggested message:

“Expresamos nuestra solidaridad con Uds. en su búsqueda de Ernestina y Erlinda y en su lucha por la justicia: no están solos, y en los diferentes países del mundo, estamos pensando en Uds.”

(Translation: “We stand in solidarity with you in your search for Ernestina and Erlinda and your struggle for justice: you are not alone, and across the world we are thinking of you.”)

Address:

Please send your messages to the following address:

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