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Further information on UA 36/95 (AMR 41/06/95, 15 February 1995) - Fear of torture / Fear of "disappearance"

MEXICO: Alfredo JIMÉNEZ SANTÍS, Tojolabal Indian
Mario ÁLVAREZ LÓPEZ, Tojolabal Indian

new names: Alejandro SALAS ROMERO
Mariano ENCINO LÓPEZ, 43
Julio ENCINO HERNÁNDEZ, 29
Marcos LÓPEZ HERNÁNDEZ, 70
Marcos ENCINO MÉNDEZ, 69
Octavio SANTIZ BURGUETE
Trinidad PÉREZ PÉREZ

Amnesty International has learned that Alfredo Jiménez Santís and Mario Álvarez López were released on 13 February 1995. Following their detention on 9 February 1995, they were reportedly taken to a military area in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, State of Chiapas and subjected to electric shocks, semi-asphyxiated with plastic bags, submerged in water barrels and also beaten all over their bodies. They were also allegedly forced to sign papers whose contents they could not see.

Alejandro Salas Romero has not been seen since he was reportedly taken by 15 armed individuals, believed to be members of the army, in the *Sierra de Songolica*, State of Puebla, on 9 February 1995. Mariano Encino López, Julio Encino Hernández, Marcos López Hernández and Marcos Encino Méndez were reportedly detained by members of the security forces in the village of *Ejido Jalisco*, State of Chiapas, on 11 February 1995. Marcos López Hernández and Marcos Encino Méndez were released on 13 February although the whereabouts of the other two detainees are unknown.

On 13 February 1995, Octavio Santíz Burguete and Trinidad Pérez Pérez were reportedly detained without a warrant at a roadblock near the *Ejido Chiapas* by members of the Mexican Army. Trinidad Pérez Pérez was allegedly beaten, wrapped in a sack and taken to a road where he was threatened with death, told to stay away from the military roadblocks and then released. Octavio Santíz Burguete was reportedly taken by another military vehicle to an unknown location and has not been seen since.

Amnesty International fears for the safety of the above-mentioned people, in view of the increasing reports of torture and ill-treatment suffered by people detained by the security forces during the last few days.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- expressing concern about the reported torture and ill-treatment of Alfredo Jiménez Santís, Mario Álvarez López and Trinidad Pérez Pérez by members of the Mexican army;
- requesting an immediate and impartial investigation into their reported torture and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- expressing concern for the safety of Alejandro Salas Romero, Mariano Encino López, Julio Encino Hernández and Octavio Santíz Burguete, all reportedly

detained by members of the security forces between 9 and 13 February 1995;
 - urging that, if in detention, they be humanely treated and allowed access to relatives, doctors, interpreters and lawyers, and charged with a recognizable offence or released immediately.

APPEALS TO:

1) President of the Republic

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Salutation: **Sr. Presidente/Dear President**

2) Minister of the Interior

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Salutation: **Sr. Secretario/Dear Minister**

3) Minister of Defence

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1) Human rights organization

Sres. Centro de Derechos Humanos
 San Bartolomé de las Casas
 5 de Febrero No. 6
 San Cristóbal de las Casas
 29200 Chiapas, Mexico

2) Daily newspaper

Sr. Editor
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and to diplomatic representatives of Mexico accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 March 1995.