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Further information on UA 197/96 (AMR 41/42/96, 7 August 1996) - Fear for safety

MEXICOPedro Eligio Cabañas, member of a peasant organization
Daniel Sandoval, "
Erangelio Mendoza, "
Joel García, "

Amnesty International has just learned that Pedro Eligio Cabañas was released at 10pm on 6 August 1996 by members of the *Procuraduría General de la República, (PGR)*, Office of the Attorney General of the Republic. He had been ill-treated during his arrest on 5 August by members of the *Policía Judicial Federal* (PJF), Federal Judicial Police, in Chilpancingo, the capital of Guerrero State.

The reports do not give any information of the circumstances of his release nor do they refer to his treatment while in detention by the Federal Judicial Police. Daniel Sandoval, Erangelio Mendoza, Joel García, who witnessed his arrest, appear to be safe.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals ☺☺. Amnesty International continues to monitor the case as several members of peasant organizations are being arrested and threatened, apparently in connection with their activities on behalf of the local peasant population (see original UA for more information).

Participants may send a further round of letters:
- welcoming the release of Pedro Eligio Cabañas;
- calling for an investigation into his ill-treatment and arbitrary detention and for all those found responsible to be brought to justice.