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Further information on UA 516/90 (ASA 35/30/90, 21 December 1990) - "Disappearance"/Threat of abduction

PHILIPPINES:Rosario LADRONIO (f), aged 30 + her 2-month-old baby

Amnesty International has just learned that Rosario Ladronio was released from detention at 3.30pm on 22 December 1990. She has reported that she was detained by elements of the 202 Infantry Brigade of the Philippines Army based at $\underline{\text{barangay}}$ Liwin, Lumban in Laguna Province.

Rosario Ladronio said she was not hurt by her captors and was returned to her family and baby unharmed.

Amnesty International was concerned for the safety of Rosario Ladronio, reportedly arrested by unidentified armed men on 18 December 1990 at her home in <u>barangay</u> San Benito, Victoria, Laguna province. The organization was also concerned for the safety of Rosario Ladronio's baby, who was apparently at risk of abduction.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Faxes and airmail letters:

- welcoming the release of Rosario Ladronio and expressing relief that she was not ill-treated by the authorities;
- urging the authorities to take effective measures to end "disappearances";
- calling on the government to ensure that citizens are free from harassment, intimidation or abduction by military or paramilitary forces.

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