

Councilor David Sullivan

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March 24, 1989

whereas:

This City Council continues to be concerned
over the issue of human suffering, and torture
in foreign countries of political prisoners and other
individuals detained for no apparent reason, and

whereas:

Once again this Council has been informed
that this continues in El Salvador with the
disappearance of Bertha Cornejo, Raul Alfredo
Gripin Penate and Mateo Diaz Bernal, and

whereas:

There has been a recent escalation
in human rights violations including "disappear-
ances" extrajudicial executions and torture carried
out by all branches of the Salvadoran security
forces, with uniformed military personnel detaining
people who later "disappear" or have summarily
executed non-combatants such as, whom were
later listed as having died in combat.
Now therefore be it

Resolved:

That this City Council go on record
urging an immediate investigation in order

to determine the whereabouts of these individuals
and to urge their immediate release and
leave it further.

Resolved:

That the C. K. Club be and hereby
is requested to forward a suitably expressed
copy of this resolution to His Excellency, Jose
Napoleon Duarte, Presidente de la Republica de
El Salvador Casa Presidencial San Salvador,
El Salvador and Dr. Julio Alfredo Samayoa
Ministro de Justicia, Ministro de Justicia
Avenida Masferrer 612-6 Colonia Lomas

Verde San Salvador, El Salvador

ACTION



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA

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UA 59/89 Fear of 'Disappearance' 28 February 1989
El Salvador: Bartolo Cornejo, aged 36
 Raul Alfredo Crespín Penate, aged 23
 Mateo Díaz Bernal, aged 19

Amnesty is concerned at the reported unacknowledged detention and subsequent 'disappearance' of those named above. Habeas corpus applications have been made on behalf of the first two without result.

1. Bartolo Cornejo, a day laborer and community leader, was reportedly detained on 23 January 1989 by members of the armed forces of the Batallón de Infantería de Marina Nacional (BIM), National Marine Infantry Brigade, in the canton (hamlet) Samorano, Jiquilisco Jurisdiction, Usulután Department.

2. Raul Alfredo Crespín Penate: on 26 January 1989 members of the defensa civil (civil defence, under the jurisdiction of the armed forces) intercepted a bus, apparently with the intention of recruiting members for military service, in the canton (hamlet) Curazao, Jayaque jurisdiction, La Libertad department. In the incident Cesar Edgardo Crespín Penate, aged 22, was killed and ever Alvaro Crespín Penate, aged 23, his twin brother, Raul Alfredo Crespín Penate, Victor Arnulfo Crespín Valencia, aged four, and Francisco Henriquez, were seriously wounded. Subsequently members of the policía de hacienda (the treasury police) detained Raul Alfredo Crespín Penate as he was being taken to hospital, and his whereabouts are still unknown.

3. Mateo Díaz Bernal reportedly 'disappeared' on 20 February 1989 at 6AM on his way to work in Colonia La Rabida in San Salvador, capital of El Salvador. He is believed to have been detained. Mateo Díaz Bernal is a bricklayer and an official (secretario de conflictos) of the Sindicato de Obreros de la Industria de la Construcción (SOICSCES), Construction Industry Workers' Union. Members of the guardia nacional (national guard), were seen watching his house prior to 20 February.

There has been a recent escalation in human rights violations, including 'disappearances', extrajudicial executions and torture, carried out by all branches of the Salvadorian security forces, operating both in uniform and in plain clothes in the guise of so-called 'death squads'. In a number of recent incidents uniformed military personnel have detained people who then 'disappeared', or have summarily executed non-combatant civilians, whom they later said had died in combat or had been victims of guerrilla attacks. Civil defence members have also been regularly implicated in such abuses.

This Urgent Action appeal originated from Amnesty International's research headquarters at the International Secretariat in London, United Kingdom. Amnesty International is an independent worldwide movement working for the international protection of human rights. It seeks the release of men and women detained anywhere because of their beliefs, color, sex, ethnic origin, language or religious creed, provided they have not used nor advocated violence. These are termed prisoners of conscience. It works for fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners and works on behalf of such people detained without charge or trial. It opposes the death penalty and torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of all prisoners without reservation.

Recommended Action: telegrams/telexes/express and airmail letters:
- expressing concern at the reported detention of the above-mentioned persons and asking for an immediate investigation in order to establish their whereabouts:
- seeking assurances that their physical safety be guaranteed while in detention:
- asking that, if detained, they be charged with a recognizably criminal offence or else released:
- asking for an impartial inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Cesar Edgardo Crespin Penate.

Appeals to:

[Your Excellency]
Jose Napoleon Duarte
Presidente de la Republica
de El Salvador
Casa Presidencial
San Salvador, El Salvador

(Telegrams: Presidente Duarte
San Salvador, El Salvador)

(Telexes: 20245 RS SAL:
20445 CGFA SAL; 20522;
telex area code, 301)
(President of the Republic)

[Your Excellency]
Dr. Julio Alfredo Samayoa
Ministro de Justicia
Ministerio de Justicia
Avenida Masferrer 612-b
Colonia Lomas Verde
San Salvador, El Salvador
(Telegrams: Ministro de Justicia
San Salvador, El Salvador)

Copies to:

Dr. Manuel Fco. Cardona Herrera
Procurador General
Procuraduria de la Republica
Parque Infantil
San Salvador, El Salvador
(attorney general)

Oficina de Tutela Legal del
Arzobispado Comision Arquidiocesana
Apartado Postal 2253
San Salvador, El Salvador
(Legal Aid Office of the
Archbishopric)

[Suggested Salutations]

[Your Excellency]
General Carlos Vides Casanova
Ministro de Defensa y de
Seguridad Publica
Ministerio de Defensa y de
Seguridad Publica
Doble via a Santa Tecla
San Salvador, El Salvador

(Telegrams: Ministro Defensa
San Salvador, El Salvador)
(telexes: 20446 CEFA: 30345; area
code, 301)
(Minister of Defense and Public
Security)

Lic. Benjamin Cestoni
Comision de Derechos Humanos
de El Salvador, Gubernamental (CDH)
Paseo General Escalon
87 av. Sur, block 2 no. 226
Colonia Escalon
San Salvador, El Salvador
(Governmental Human Rights
Commission of El Salvador)

Ambassador Ernesto Rivas-Gallont
Embassy of El Salvador
2308 California St NW
Washington DC 20008

Please send appeals immediately. Please check with the Colorado office
WEEKDAYS ONLY between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM Mountain Time if sending
appeals after April 11, 1989.



City of Cambridge

COUNCILLOR DAVID SULLIVAN

14.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 20, 1989

- WHEREAS: This City Council continues to be concerned over the issue of human suffering and torture in foreign countries of political prisoners and other individuals detained for no apparent reason; and
- WHEREAS: Once again, this Council has been informed that this continues in El Salvador, with the disappearance of Bartolo Cornejo, Raul Alfredo Crespín Penate and Mateo Díaz Bernal; and
- WHEREAS: There has been a recent escalation in human rights violations, including "disappearances", extrajudicial executions and torture carried out by all branches of the Salvadorian security forces, with uniformed military personnel detaining people who later "disappear" or have summarily executed non-combatant civilians, whom were later listed as having died in combat; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging an immediate investigation in order to determine the whereabouts of these individuals and to urge their immediate release; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to His Excellency, Jose Napoleon Duarte, Presidente de la Republica de El Salvador, Casa Presidencial, San Salvador, El Salvador and Dr. Julio Alfredo Samayoa, Ministro de Justicia, Avenida Masferrer 612-b, Colonia Lomas Verde, San Salvador, El Salvador.

In City Council March 20, 1989.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #14

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C.D. Sullivan re: resolutions urging an immediate investigation into the disappearances of Bartolo Cornejo, Raul Alfredo Crespín Penate & Mateo Díaz Bernal in El Salvador.

In City Council,

March 20, 1989

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Order Adopted

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