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Further information on UA 249/98 (AMR 29/04/98, 18 September 1998) - Fear for safety

EL SALVADOR            **Adrián Esquino Lisco, Chief and Spiritual Leader of the  
Asociación Nacional Indígena Salvadoreña (ANIS),  
Salvadorean National Indigenous Association  
Elba Pérez, (f), Director of ANIS.**

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Amnesty International has recently learned of the release of Elba Pérez and Adrián Esquino Lisco from detention in September 1998.

Both, leading members of the *Asociación Nacional Indígena Salvadoreña* (ANIS), Salvadorean National Indigenous Association, were detained earlier this year under charges of misappropriation of government property. ANIS refutes this.

Adrián Esquino Lisco is expected to attend a court hearing soon. Charges against Elba Pérez, however, have been dropped.

ANIS members have, in the past, received death threats and been attacked. The threats were believed to be connected to an ANIS-led campaign to force the Salvadorean authorities to pay compensation to the victims of the Las Hojas massacre which occurred 15 years ago -- sixteen peasants belonging to the ANIS-run Las hojas cooperative were found dead after being detained by the Salvadorean army. ANIS also works on issues related to land ownership.

**No further action by the UA Network is required. Many thanks to those who sent appeals.**