

URGENT ACTION

BODY OF DISAPPEARED MAN FOUND IN MEXICO

Armando del Bosque Villarreal, a Mexican man who was forcibly disappeared by marines on 3 August, was found dead on 3 October. The authorities had failed to take any urgent and meaningful steps to establish his whereabouts or hold to account those responsible for his enforced disappearance and killing.

Local sports hunters discovered the body of **Armando del Bosque Villarreal** on 3 October some 20 kilometres from a Navy base where he is thought to have been taken after his detention.

33-year-old Armando del Bosque was detained by Mexican marines on 3 August in the town of Colombia, Nuevo León state, on the Mexico-US border. A group of marines ordered him to stop his car, dragged him out of the car and forced him into one of their vehicles before driving off. His father, two local policemen and several bystanders witnessed the abduction. Armando del Bosque's father sought information from Navy officials that day and during the following days and weeks, only to obtain contradictory information and denials of any responsibility in the abduction. His father also filed a complaint with the Federal Attorney General's Office, but police and prosecutors failed to conduct a meaningful investigation, accepting Navy denials of responsibility and dismissing eyewitness accounts. The National Human Rights Commission also opened an enquiry.

According to the del Bosque family and their human rights lawyer, the Federal Attorney General's Office has failed to make any progress into the investigation of Armando del Bosque's detention, enforced disappearance and killing.

Amnesty International will continue to advocate for a full, swift and independent investigation into this case. The organization will also monitor the safety situation of the del Bosque family who continue to demand justice.

Many thanks to those who sent appeals. No further action is required from the UA network.

This is the first update of UA 222/13. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR41/050/2013/en>

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Gender m/f: m

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