



Committee for Human Rights in Uruguay

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Dear Friend:

We have recently been informed that Jorge Frutos, imprisoned in the "Penal de Libertad", has been refused medical treatment and his relatives are not allowed to see him.

Jorge Frutos, a textile worker, was arrested on 18 March 1982, though his detention was not acknowledged by the government until the 30th of April that year. At the time of his arrest he was 28 years old, married, and had a daughter 3 years old. The reason for his arrest was his trade union activity and the publication of a bulletin entitled "The Worker" ("El Trabajador").

Jorge Frutos already had health problems at the time of his arrest, in spite of which he was severely tortured. Before his arrest he had kidney problems, to which are now added anaemia, a chronic infection, and circulation and heart problems. He has suffered cardiac arrest.

For the last two months his health deteriorated, yet when he requested medical attention, he was not only denied treatment but punished by withdrawing his visiting privileges, on the grounds that he had gone over the heads of immediately responsible officers to a captain. Since then his relatives have been unable to see him, there is no news of his state of health, or of any medical attention he may have received. It is also possible that he has been subjected to further sanctions such as solitary confinement on "the Island", which would further damage his health.

Please write letters expressing concern for the health of Jorge Frutos and demanding immediate medical attention for him and renewal of normal visiting privileges to the following authorities:

Gral. (R) Julio César Rapela
Ministro del Interior
Ministerio del Interior,
Mercedes 993
Montevideo, URUGUAY

Señor Director del
Establecimiento Militar de
Reclusión No. 1,
Libertad
San José, URUGUAY

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