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Legal Concern

URUGUAY: Horacio TERRA GALLINAL
Rodolfo SADAIN

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Amnesty International has now heard that the two politicians who remained in prison, Horacio Terra Gallinal and Rodolfo Sadain, were released from detention on 4 December 1982, although trial proceedings against them are still pending. They are accused of *escarnio a las fuerzas armadas* (disrespect for the armed forces).

Horacio Terra Gallinal and Rodolfo Sadain, both leading members of the *Blanco* party and candidates in the internal party elections which took place on 28 November 1982, were arrested on 20 October 1982 together with other members of the *Blanco* party and members of the *Comisión Nacional por El Voto en Blanco*. All but Horacio Terra Gallinal and Rodolfo Sadain were subsequently released. Following their arrest, Horacio Terra Gallinal's and Rodolfo Sadain's names were excluded from the lists of candidates in the internal party elections. In the elections on 28 November 1982 a majority of the electorate voted for candidates of the *Blanco* party.

Amnesty International believed that these men had been arrested and detained for the non-violent expression of their political opinions.

Further recommended action:

Urgent Action participants may write a further letter to the Uruguayan authorities welcoming the release of Horacio Terra Gallinal and Rodolfo Sadain, but urging that all charges against them be dropped.

Appeals should be sent to:

Excmo. Sr. Presidente de la República
Tte. General (R) Gregorio Alvarez
Casa de Gobierno
Plaza Independencia
Montevideo, Uruguay

Sr. Presidente del Supremo Tribunal Militar
Coronel Dr Federico Silva Ledesma
Canelones 2335
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Check with the International Secretariat if sending appeals after 4 February 1983.