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CHILE: Clodomiro ALMEYDA, aged 64, leader of the Almeyda sector of the Socialist Party

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Clodomiro Almeyda was transferred to a police station in Santiago on 24 June 1987 from Chile Chico having completed the 90 days of his banishment order (*relegación*). On 26 June he was charged for offences under Article 13 of the Anti-terrorist Law (*Ley Antiterrorista*), that relates to "incitement to violence" ("*apología de la violencia*") and was transferred to the Anexo Capuchinos prison. Under the terms of this law, he has no access to bail. The Appeals Court in Copiapó is also investigating possible offences of "entering the country illegally" (*ingreso clandestino*). Legal proceedings in both cases were begun following the intervention of the Ministry of the Interior who formally asked the courts to bring charges against him.

At the same time, the Attorney General, Ambrosio Rodriguez, has requested the Constitutional Court to take measures against him for violating Article 8 of the Constitution. If upheld, Clodomiro Almeyda would effectively be banned from participating in any political activities or from holding any public post for a period of ten years.

Amnesty International is seeking further information about the basis of the charges.

No more action is required at present. Thank you for sending appeals.

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