Hospitals in Mexico Accused of Turning Away Indigenous Women in Labor



Mexico City, March 5 (RHC)-- Mexico's Human Rights Commission is investigating possible medical negligence over the care of indigenous women giving birth in the southern state of Oaxaca.

In one case, an indigenous woman died from an infection after scissors were left in her uterus. A second woman was refused care at a hospital and gave birth in a nearby bathroom.

A wave of reports about indigenous women being turned away from hospitals has highlighted discrimination in Mexico's medical system. McClatchy reports women have given birth on the lawns or steps of hospitals at least seven times since the middle of last year.



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