

Mexico investigates woman's death in police custody



A video showed Victoria Salazar Arriaza pinned to the ground by police, reminiscent of the death of George Floyd in the U.S.

Mexico City, March 30 (RHC)-- Mexican prosecutors have announced that they have opened a homicide investigation into the death of a Salvadoran woman who was shown on video being pinned to the ground by a female police officer -- drawing similarities with the death of George Floyd last year.

Victoria Salazar Arriaza, 36 years of age, died over the weekend in the Caribbean beach resort of Tulum. A video published by news site Noticaribe showed her writhing and crying out as she lay face down on a road with a policewoman kneeling on her back while male officers stood by.

The video then cut to show Arriaza's prone, handcuffed body lying on the road. Officers are later seen moving her limp, barefoot body into the back of a police truck.

Local media reported that Arriaza, who had been in Mexico for about three years, had two teenage daughters who lived in Mexico with her. In a statement, the attorney general's office of the state of Quintana Roo said police were probably involved in the woman's death, which had damaged "institutions and society."

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