

Mexican president travels to Sonora to apologize to the Yaqui people



Experts continue working in the area of Chichiquelite hill, where the remains of missing Yaqui Indians were found. | Photo: Circo político

Mexico City, September 29 (RHC)-- Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, four secretaries of state, undersecretaries and directors of different agencies began their trip this morning to Ciudad Obregón, Sonora, to participate in the ceremony of forgiveness to the Yaqui people.

The visit of the Mexican president takes place when the Attorney General's Office (FGJ) of the Mexican state of Sonora, on the border with the United States, confirmed on Tuesday that the human remains found last September 19 in the Chichiquelite hill, south of the state, correspond to five Yaqui Indians who had been missing since July 14th.

Last August, a justice commission was installed to follow up on the presidential decree benefiting the eight Yaqui peoples: Cócorit, BÁCum, Bélem, Húribis, Ráhum, Tórim, Pótam and Vícam, and will report on its progress today.

According to López Obrador, the Yaquis are one of the native peoples who have been most offended throughout the history of the country, for which reason a ceremony will be held to apologize to them and the commitment to improve their living conditions and development is maintained.

In this sense, the Justice Plan of the Yaqui People was announced, which embodies their historical demands under the axes of land, territory, water and integral development, was unanimously approved by the governing board of the National Institute of Indigenous Peoples (INPI).

The head of the INPI, Adelfo Regino, recalled that on August 6, 2020, in the traditional guard of Vícam Pueblo, López Obrador signed the decree creating the Presidential Commission for Justice for the Yaqui People.

The FGJ notified the relatives of the deceased that, if they want more certainty in the result, they can resort to a second comparative DNA analysis, which they can access through the support of the Ministry of the Interior, the National Human Rights Commission or a private laboratory.

The ten missing persons were abducted last July 14th by armed individuals, according to local media.

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