

Parents of 42 Missing Mexican Students Rally Outside President's Office



Mexico City, December 26 (RHC-teleSUR) -- On Christmas Eve, in pouring rain, a few dozen Mexican parents and supporters met in front of the presidential complex at Los Pinos to reiterate their pledge to keep up the search for their children and to demand President Enrique Peña Nieto keep his promise to find them.

As the Mexican government announced they will suspend the search for the remaining 42 Ayotzinapa students who've been missing since the violent events in Iguala of September 26th, parents vow they will not rest for the holidays.

"It is incredible that Enrique Peña Nieto is spending time with his family while we do not have our children with us," Felipe de la Cruz, one of the parents and spokesperson, said to reporters at the event.

The protest used the slogan: "No Christmas, No New Year. They took them alive, we want them back alive!" And an appeal was made to the government to continue the search for the missing students over the holidays.

"We are feeling pain and sorrow," Felipe de la Cruz said, "but we are also enraged at the audacity of the president to give a message of peace in Mexico when he knows that our country today is plagued by crime and is controlled by organized crime."

On the night of September 26th, students were attacked by police in Iguala, presumably by order of the Guerrero city mayor, Jose Luis Abarca, in clashes leaving 6 dead and 25 wounded. The students, from the Ayotzinapa teachers college in a town outside of Iguala, have been missing since that day. According to official reports, the municipal police handed them over to the Guerreros Unidos cartel, who killed them and burned their bodies in a garbage dump in neighboring town of Cocula. However, the parents refuse to believe the government's version of events, insisting their children are still alive.

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