

Town Halls Occupied in Guerrero, Mexico for Ayotzinapa



Mexico City, December 30 (RHC-teleSUR) -- More than two dozen town halls have been occupied in the state of Guerrero, Mexico by social organizations, demanding justice in the Ayotzinapa case.

In a show of solidarity with the families of the disappeared Ayotzinapa students, various social and grassroots organizations continue to occupy 28 of the 81 town halls throughout the southern Mexican state of Guerrero.

On December 24th organizations that form the National Popular Assembly (NPA) decided on the 'occupation action' for the entire state, setting forth a plan to form popular municipal councils.

Since the decision was made last week groups from the Popular Guerrerense Movement (MPG) took over the town halls in different regions of the state. However, currently only the towns of Tlapa, Tecoanapa, Ayutla de los Libres, y San Luis Acatlán have formed popular councils.

Organizations and the families of the disappeared 42 students from the Ayotzinapa teachers-training college are also calling on the public to boycott the 2015 mid-term elections.

Activists say the actions are a form of protest against what they believe to be a failed or faulty state investigation over the attack and disappearance of the students at the hands of police and organized

crime in the Guerrero city of Iguala on September 26th.

Since the attack occurred, new reports have emerged that suggest that the federal police and military participated in the forced disappearance of the students. This information contradicts the Attorney General's investigation on the events, declaring that the youths were attacked by local police at the command of Iguala Mayor, Jose Luis Abarca, and handed over to the organized crime group Guerreros Unidos.

After meeting Sunday with family of the disappeared youths, Mexico's human right's Chief, Luis Raul Gonzalez of the National Commission on Human Rights (CNDH) declared that the organization will launch a probe into the military and federal police's role in the events.

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