

# *Parents of Missing Mexican Students to 'Occupy' Barracks*

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Mexico City, January 5 (RHC-teleSUR) -- The committee of family members and classmates of the missing students announced Saturday that they intend to symbolically occupy military barracks throughout Mexico. The announcement came after an assembly held by the parents, classmates, and supporters of the forcibly disappeared 43 students. Over 180 delegates from various national and international organizations also participated in the meeting.

The parents of the missing students believe that the federal government is attempting to cover up their role in the disappearance of their children. They point to the fact that the federal police were monitoring the students right before the attack and that survivors claim that the federal police and military participated in the attack. On the night of the attack, the students sought the help of the 27th Army battalion, housed in barracks in Iguala, site of the attack. The army refused to give them help.

A report by Anabel Hernandez and Steve Fisher for Proceso magazine claims that the federal police and army deliberately targeted the students in order to break the back of their political organization. The Ayotzinapa teachers' school is known as a hotbed for radical activism in Mexico.

The parents further suspect that the students are being hidden inside military barracks. They have repeatedly demanded the barracks be opened up for inspection, a call supported by opposition politicians. The federal attorney general has denied this request, therefore they have decided to occupy barracks

throughout the country on January 12th.

Groups have already occupied 24 town halls throughout Guerrero state.

The committee of parents has called for another global day of action to be held January 26th, concluding with a march in Mexico City.

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