

Mexican Teachers Union Preparing for Civil Disobedience



Mexico City, February 27 (teleSUR-RHC)-- A teachers union in Mexico announced Thursday that it will resort to its tactics, declaring itself on maximum alert and preparing its members for civil disobedience and rebellion.

The National Coordinator of Education Workers (CNTE) issued this warning in response to the violent repression against teachers by federal police in Acapulco earlier this week.

Federal Police violently attacked teachers on Tuesday who had staged a road block on a highway near the airport in Acapulco, Guerrero.

“In the face of repression we have a strong weapon, consciousness together with organization,” said Juan Jose Ortega Madrigal, a leader of the CNTE in Michoacan. “The government is desperate and repression is the only weapon they have left,” he added.

An official with the Guerrero State Coordinator of Education Workers (CETEG) reported that 12 protesters are still missing and four female teachers were raped by police.

“We have four (female) teachers raped by the Federal Police. Yesterday they broke their silence, they said that during the repression they were taken away in a van, they took them to a dark place and they

were raped,” said Manuel Salvador Rosas of the CETEG. He added that one of the rape survivors is still hospitalized.

Claudio Castillo Peña, a retired teacher, well-known for his role leading chants during rallies, was allegedly killed by police during the attack. Salvador stated that, due to his medical condition, Castillo traveled in a vehicle during protests, and he claims to have video evidence of police pulling Castillo off a vehicle and assaulting him.

The CETEG intends to report the crime, though they are not hopeful that justice will be achieved in Mexico;

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