

Mexico Gang Member, Suspect in Ayotzinapa Student Case Arrested

BÚSQUEDA Y RESULTADOS

La investigación en torno a la desaparición de los 43 jóvenes ha acarreado detenciones, aunque sus resultados son rechazados por familiares de los estudiantes.

INICIO DEL CONFLICTO

Se registran hechos violentos en Iguala, Guerrero, donde mueren seis personas, 17 resultan heridas y 43 desaparecidas. La Procuraduría estatal arresta a 22 policías del municipio por presunta responsabilidad.



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POLICÍAS

municipales de Iguala y Cocula han sido arrestados por el caso

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MIEMBROS

de Guerreros Unidos han sido aprehendidos por los hechos.

Mexico City, April 13 (teleSUR-RHC) The Mexican Federal Police announced the arrest on Saturday of one of the main suspects in the disappearance of 43 teacher training students who were disappeared on Sept. 26 following a protest in the southern Mexican town of *Iguala*.

According to authorities, Miguel Angel Landa Bahena has been identified as a member of Gildardo Lopez Astudillo, also known as "El Gil's" inner circle. Lopez Astudillo is suspected of being the leader of the *Guerreros Unidos* gang, who Mexican authorities say killed the students and burned their remains in a garbage dump.

Another three suspects in the case confessed to having killed the students and subsequently burned their bodies. Early this year former Mexico's attorney general, Jesus Murillo Karam, said the government had enough physical and forensic evidence to conclude that the students were killed and incinerated, although family members and some forensic experts have contested this version of events.

To date, Alexander Mora is the only student whose remains have been identified. Dozens of suspects, including public servants and Jose Luis Abarca, the former Mayor of *Iguala*, have been arrested in connection with the disappearance of the *Ayotzinapa* students, who went missing after municipal police officers opened fire on their bus convoy. The United Nations has condemned the Mexican government for how it has handled the case, saying it could have done more given the severity

of the situation.

Although the case was closed by authorities, families, classmates, and rights groups have demanded to open other lines of investigation, including the role of the army and federal police in the attack and disappearance of the students.

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