

# *At Least 11 of 42 Were Tortured in Tanhuato, Michoacan*

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Mexico City, June 1 (teleSUR-RHC)-- While the Mexican National Security Commissioner Monte Alejandro Rubido said he bets his job no massacre took place at *El Sol* ranch in Tanhuato, Michoacan, testimonies and analysis of what happened indicate that it was a brutal execution of 42 “innocent civilians,” as 11 of bodies show signs of torture, local press reported Sunday.

Even more bizarre is the fact that the 11 that were apparently tortured all come from the same poor “bar-and-brothel” neighborhood Infonavit 5 of Ocotlan, Jalisco, the Washington Post reported.

This is far too coincidental and only feeds into the contradictions and controversies that have already surfaced.

Moreover, 19 of those “slaughtered” were from Ocotlan, Jalisco, and according to their relatives, were farmers and construction workers. And thus, families of those killed in *El Sol* continue to claim their relatives were executed. There are a few more relatives that admit their loved ones worked for the Jalisco New Generation Cartel, an organized crime group that is on the rise.

But as their family members say, they were people that protected our neighborhoods from people that disrespected women that attempted to steal vehicles or rob homes. “They are the good ones. The people were scared of the police. They rob us, they ask our women to unbutton their shirts,” a woman that preferred to remain unidentified told local press.

But Graciela Piñeda told the Washington Post, that those who seem to have been massacred in Tanhuato, never disrespected them. “People don't go out in the streets because they are scared of the government.” The body of Martin Felipe Garcia Pineda, one of the persons killed at *El Sol*, showed signs of having been tortured, as he had many visible burn spots on his corpse, as well as fractured extremities, his relatives told Joshua Partlow of the Washington Post.

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