

# *160 Migrants Feared Dead in Mexico After Attack*

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Mexico City, June 18 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Over 220 Central American migrants have been violently attacked in two different locations in Mexico and, according to Mexican Excelsior newspaper, only 60 managed to escape alive.

In one case, survivors of the attack say they were shot at by men in military uniforms. In the other case, they were brutally attacked by unidentified people armed with rifles, pistols and machetes.

The first case occurred in Las Choapas, in the state of Veracruz, some 400 miles southeast of Mexico City. Nearly one hundred Central American migrants, including women and children, were traveling on a local freight train when they were suddenly attacked by various men armed with shotguns, handguns and machetes. And according to Excelsior, only 44 managed to escape alive.

There is no information as to the whereabouts of the remaining 56 or more migrants that were attacked, and authorities have not offered any information, which has drawn the condemnation of various human rights groups who are demanding an investigation. However, as of the night of June 17th, no Mexican government office had responded.

The second case occurred in Sonora, near the border with the United States. There is no official information regarding this case either. But according to local media, more than 100 Central American

migrants were attacked by at least two men dressed in military uniforms, according to reports on Tuesday by national and international migrant organizations.

According to surviving migrants' themselves, the group was traveling toward the border in five vehicles. However, one of their vehicles broke down forcing them to stop and take a break. At that point, according to survivors of the attack, men dressed in military attire appeared. They ordered them to the ground and randomly started shooting at them. The migrants then dispersed and fled away into the desert. Excelsior says only 16 of those migrants have so far been accounted and apparently more than 84 are still missing.

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