Mexico: Demonstrators Begin 122-Mile March for Missing 43



Iguala, November 4 (teleSUR-RHC), -- Dozens of people started a 122-mile march on Monday from Iguala, Guerrero to Mexico City to demand the national government find the 43 students of the Ayotzinapa Teacher Training College, missing since Iguala police kidnapped them on the night of September 26.

"Mexicans want peace, we want jobs, we need security and justice," said activist Jose Alcaraz, organizer of the march and president of the State Council of Organizations from Mexico City (CEO-CDMX for its acronym in Spanish).

"Forty-three people will be marching, representing the 43 organizations participating in the march and the 43 missing students," added Alacaraz.

The march, named 43 for 43, is expected to arrive in Mexico City's Zocalo Square on Sunday.

The march is just one of the several demonstrations being held in several countries to protest against the violent incidents of September 26.

Iguala police shot that night at several buses taken by the Ayotzinapa students, killing three students and three other civilians. Then, according to authorities, the police "arrested" 43 students and handed them over to the local gang known as the United Warriors.

That gang, according to the Mexican Attorney General, is controlled by the mayor of Iguala and his wife, who are on the run. They are accused of being the masterminds behind the violent incidents of September 26.

The whereabouts of the students is still unknown, but more than 13 mass graves have been found so far and investigators are trying to determine if the 38 bodies found inside the graves belong to the undergraduates.

President Peña Nieto Calls for Security Agreement

Also on Monday, President Peña Nieto announced he will shortly summoned political parties and advocacy groups to participate in a series of meetings to design a wide security agreement to prevent incidents like the Iguala massacre.

The agreement is expected to be signed this week before Peña leaves Mexico for China.

This announcement was made hours before the security commissioner, Monte Alejandro Rubido, and other federal government officials, met with relatives of the missing 43 in Chilpancingo, capital of Guerrero state.

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