

# *Human Rights Defenders Blame Mexican Government for Disappearances*

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Mexico City, December 5 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Javier Hernandez, Representative of the UN Human Rights Office in Mexico, has said it holds the government responsible for the disappearance of the 43 students from the Ayotzinapa teachers' school.

Hernandez said: "There is no other way to explain it, when the authorities commit these kinds of arbitrary acts, which are crimes, what we are looking at is a forced disappearance. There is no other name for it."

The commissioner also criticized federal Attorney General Murillo Karam for failing to recognize that the state was behind the violent incidents and asserting it was an isolated case.

"The young men and women from [Ayotzinapa] were attacked, captured by public servants, and that distinction is fundamental in order to determine not only the state's responsibility [for the crime] but also what kind of action and effort needs to be taken in the search," said Hernandez after his visit to Ayotzinapa, Guerrero.

After more than two months since the disappearance of 43 students, Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto finally visited Guerrero state where the kidnapping occurred. However, his statements only caused

outrage when he suggested it was time to get over the pain caused by the disappearances.

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