

Mexican Government Proposes 'National Anti-Corruption System'



Mexico City, December 23 (RHC-teleSUR) -- The Mexican government has been discussing the creation of a national anti-corruption system, which it says could be created as early as 2015, according to officials.

At the beginning of the year, President Pena Nieto proposed a plan to create a National Anti-corruption Commission that would guarantee access to information and more transparency. However, discussions in congress have been slow due to disagreements between the parties.

The issue has become much more urgent in past months, however. The Mexican government has been under growing scrutiny since 43 students from the state of Guerrero went missing in September after clashes with local police officers, with the local mayor and his wife being implicated in their disappearance. Dozens of other mass graves have since been found during their search.

People across the country have been demanding the safe return of the students and demonstrating against government corruption on all municipal, state and federal government levels.

The Senate coordinator from the ruling National Revolutionary Party (PRI), Manlio Fabio Beltrones, said in a statement on Sunday that advanced agreements between the parties already exist and a special session may be created in 2015 to discuss legal reforms.

The initiatives being discussed in Congress include: the creation of a National Anti-corruption System that would include a system for citizens to keep watch over authorities; granting new powers to the Superior Audit Office of Mexico to supervise public spending; and the establishment of an impartial court and public prosecutor's office and other mechanisms that would process citizens' complaints.

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