

Honduran Teenage AIDS Activist Kidnapped



Tegucigalpa, January 7 (teleSUR-RHC) — A Honduran teenager and AIDS activist Keren Dunaway Gonzalez, who rose to prominence for her social work as a HIV-positive child, was kidnapped Tuesday in San Pedro Sula.

According to official reports, she was abducted by three men in a parking lot of the northern Honduran city. Her family has called for her urgent release because she needs to take medication.

Keren got prominence when she gave the opening speech at the 2008 International AIDS Conference as a 12-year-old girl, with a touching definition of what it was like to be a person living with the virus.

Her mother was also abducted but was released a few blocks away and the car in which both were taken was later found by the police.

Honduras ranks among the most violent countries in the world. According to official figures, the Central American country has the world's highest homicide rate, at 90.4 per 100,000 inhabitants in 2012.

The United Nation says murders of women in the Central American country rose more than 250 percent between 2005 and 2013.

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