

Parents of Missing Students in Mexico to Take Case to International Forum



Mexico City, January 30 (RHC-Efe) -- A delegation of the parents of the students who went missing on September 26th in the southern Mexican state of Guerrero will travel to Geneva on Saturday to lodge a complaint against Mexico with the UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances.

The spokesperson of the families, Felipe de la Cruz, told a local radio channel that the delegation will comprise of two parents of victims and a lawyer from the Tlachinollan Human Rights Center.

The lawyer representing the students' families, Vidulfo Rosales, from the Tlachinollan Center said that the complaint against the Mexican government before the UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances will be made early February.

The lawyer said that Attorney General Jesus Murillo's decision to present the conclusions only "a few days" before the arrival of experts from the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights (IACHR) to provide technical assistance in the investigation of the case was a "serious" lapse.

On Wednesday, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights announced that

Mexico will be reviewed for the first time by the Committee on Enforced Disappearances in a meeting that will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, between February 2-13.

The Committee, which monitors the implementation of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances, will hold a dialogue with a delegation from the Mexican Government on February 2-3.

The IACHR considers “the case of the missing students an open file and will carry out its own investigation in the field of human rights violations,” IACHR President Luis Raul Gonzalez said Wednesday.

Acknowledging that there were still many things left to be clarified, Murillo himself said Wednesday that the case was not closed as they were yet to issue six arrest warrants, integrate several investigations and charge officials for the forced disappearance.

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