Mexican Official Admits Disappearances Linked to Inequality



Mexico City, May 5 (teleSUR-RHC)-- A top Mexican official has admitted in an interview published on Monday that the case of the 43 disappeared students in Ayotzinapa shows the latent problem of "historical inequality" in the country.

Roberto Campa, Mexico's under-secretary for human rights in the Interior Ministry, said those tragic events in Ayotzinapa were the consequence of extreme poverty, marginalization and a police department filtered by organized crime. "Without a doubt, it is necessary to understand the social decomposition of these communities. It's a warning call," Campa said during an interview with *La Jornada* newspaper.

The statement comes after the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR) began investigating the disappearances of the 43 Ayotzinapa students. Campa explained the Interior Secretary Miguel Angel Osorio had told him to recover the public's confidence and that he intends to restructure the human rights sub-secretariat to be more efficient in its response to the Ayotzinapa case. "In the coming days we will announce what we will do in relation to the disappeared (students)," concluded Campa.

The undersecretary also explained he will establish stronger links with the National Human Rights Commission and international institutions and human rights organizations.

The Segob has recently experienced tensions with the 43 Ayotzinapa victims' families, due to issues over compensation. The State has so far only provided support for one of the family members and several people that were wounded in September, during the events that led to the disappearances.

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