

Mexican Officials Find Three Bodies Where 30 Recently Disappeared



Mexico City, May 23 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Three bodies have been found in the Mexican town of Chilapa where 30 people recently went missing after it was taken over by community police, according to media reports on Friday.

Chilapa is only some 100 miles south of Iguala, a town in the southern state of Guerrero where 43 students from the Ayotzinapa teachers' training school were forcibly disappeared last September., causing an uproar across the country.

Citizens have continued to demand justice for the students who are still missing, and denounced the violence and corruption in the country.

Mexican officials found the three bodies early Thursday, just one day after federal police arrived to investigate the new mass disappearances. One official at the state attorney's office told Mexican newspaper *El Universo* that the bodies were dismembered, with signs of decomposition, and wrapped in blankets. The remains have not yet been identified, so it has yet to be confirmed if they are in fact part of the 30 who recently went missing – all of whom are between the ages of 15 to 31.

Violence has reportedly increased in the town of Chilapa in recent months because of increased gang violence between rival groups Los Rojos and the Ardillos. The town has also been on guard since the disappearance of the Ayotzinapa students in the neighboring community last fall. The city of about 100,000 people is also the place where the mayoral candidate of the municipality, Ulises Fabian Quiroz, was shot to death on May 1.

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