

# *Mexican Military Officials Suspected of Seven Forced Disappearances*

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Mexico City, July 18 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Less than a year after the high-profile case of the disappeared Ayotzinapa students, military officials are again suspected in the disappearance of seven laborers in the state of Zacatecas, investigative journal *Proceso* reported on Friday.

Relatives of the five men and two women (including one minor) who were disappeared since July 7, filed a lawsuit to various institutions, including the Attorney General's office, against the military officials from Battalion 97.

They claimed the military forces committed the crime after they raided the house where the workers were spending the night and took them away. One of the disappeared belonged to the battalion before quitting more than a year ago.

Soldiers, under the orders of Colonel Martín Pérez Reséndiz, were looking for weapons and drugs in the house when they raided it at dawn.

Addressed to the various civil and military authorities of the state, a banner hung on two bridges of the town read: "All we want is an explanation, we want to know where are our relatives or at least their bodies

... We will hold the battalion in Fresnillo, Zacatecas, under the command of Colonel Martín Pérez Reséndiz responsible until we remain without information about our relatives.”

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