

Experts Say Mexican Human Rights Commission Is Costly and Useless



Mexico City, July 27 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Protecting human rights in Mexico is a costly activity that often doesn't end in meaningful changes, according to an investigative report from *EL Excelsior* daily published on Sunday.

The report highlighted the problems of one of the country's most prominent human rights organizations, the National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH). According to the report, the CNDH is one of the most expensive human rights organizations in the world after the Peruvian, Dutch, Australian and Guatemalan organizations. The report pointed out that 70 percent of the commission's budget was allocated to its members' wages, while only 30 percent were allocated for the actual investigation of abuses committed against citizens.

This situation explained why only about one percent of queries presented to the commission, ended on a human rights recommendation. The report concluded that the commission's results did not correspond to the allocated budget so the commissioners can not properly protect and promote human rights in the country.

The budget needs to be reorganized, prioritized and redistributed, according to researcher Miguel Moguel from FUNDAR, a center of analysis and investigation. However, crises like the one authorities currently are facing makes the task of reform harder, he added.

Fernando Rios Martinez, executive secretary of the National Network of Civil Associations of Human Rights, accused the commission of only feigning a commitment to human rights while their budget increased. The budget reportedly increased by 62 percent over the five past years.

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