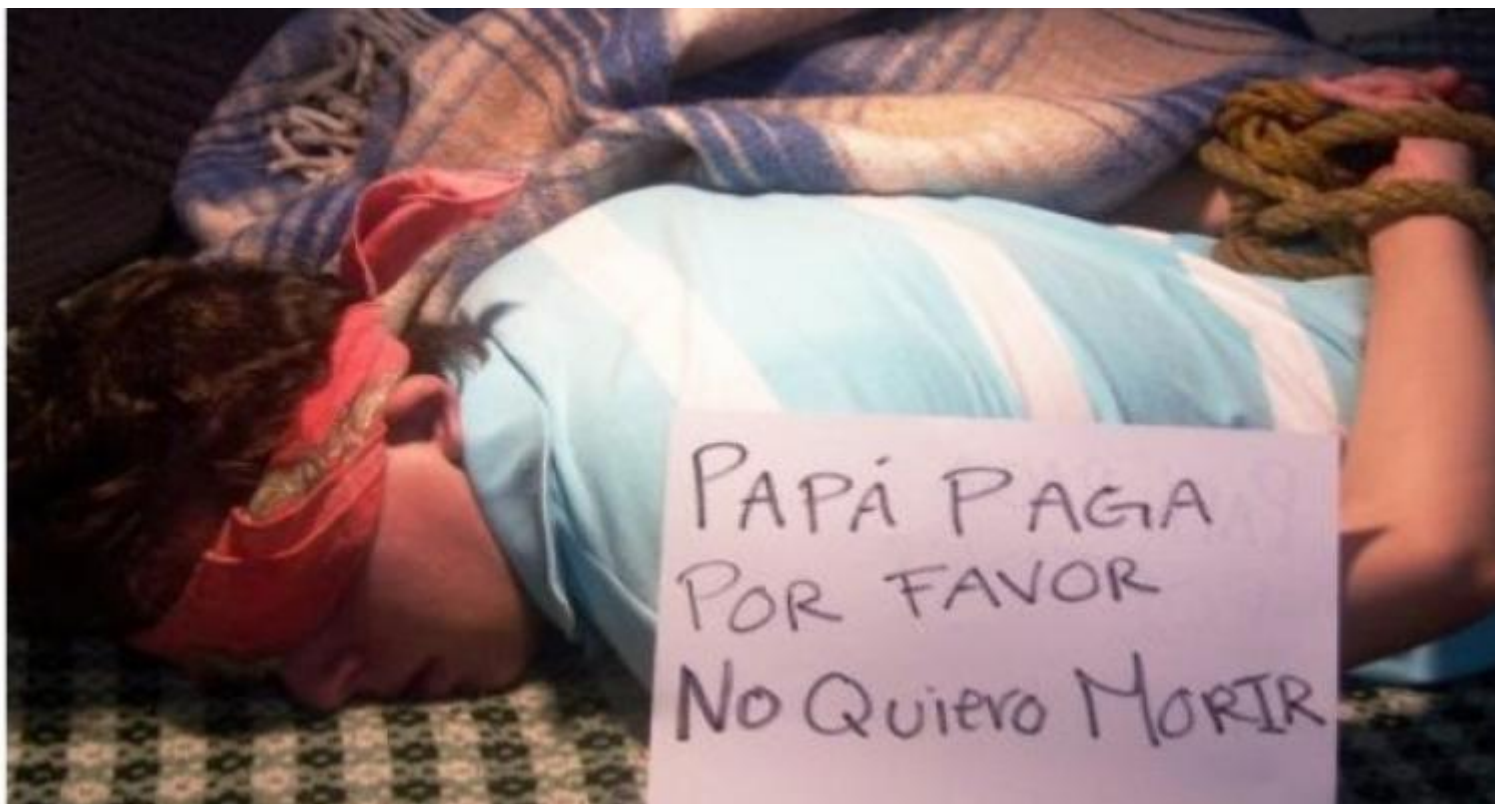


Kidnappings Increase by 19% in Mexico



Mexico City, May 19 (RHC-teleSUR) -- From December 2012 to April this year, 7,556 people were kidnapped in Mexico, corresponding to an average of 184 people per month, 43 people per week and six daily, reported various non-profit organizations Wednesday.

During the current administration of Enrique Peña Nieto (from December 2012 to April 2016), kidnappings increased by 19 percent, according to a monthly report by the civil organization Stop Kidnapping.

The states with the highest rates of kidnappings were the states of Mexico, Morelos and Mexico City.

When she presented the report, Stop Kidnapping President, Isabel Miranda de Wallace welcomed the fact that five Mexican states did not record any kidnappings during that period: Aguascalientes, Baja California Sur, Campeche, Nayarit and Tlaxcala.

Various non-governmental organizations have accused security forces of being involved in the kidnapping industry, amid growing suspicions and evidence linking local and national police to crimes at many levels.

The high-profile case of the 43 disappeared Ayotzinapa students serves as an example. The teacher trainees were shot at and arrested by Guerrero state police in September 2014 and allegedly handed over to an organized crime gang. While the remains of one body was forensically identified, the whereabouts of the other 42 are still unknown.



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