

## **Stanford Center for Latin American Studies Vigil and Collective Reflection for missing students Ayotzinapa**

On 26 September, students from the Raúl Isidro Burgos Rural Teacher's College in Ayotzinapa were intercepted by Mexican police patrols firing shots and then later attacked by unknown individuals in the town of Iguala, Guerrero state. At least six people were killed, 20 were injured and the whereabouts of 43 remain unknown.<sup>1</sup> A month has passed, and the federal, state or municipal governments have been unable to provide information about the missing normalista students. In the search for them, mass graves have been located in the neighboring areas of Iguala, with 28 unidentified bodies found so far.<sup>2</sup>

Over the past years Mexico has been going through a profound crisis in human rights. The events in Ayotzinapa add to the horrific events of San Fernando (Tamaulipas) in 2011 and Tlatlaya (Estado de Mexico) last summer.<sup>3</sup> Perpetrators of violence include not only disorganized criminal gangs and drug traffic organizations, but also police and military forces. Mexicans do not want more deaths. We call upon the Stanford community to join us in an information session, candlelight vigil and collective reflection on the 43 Ayotzinapa missing students on Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Bolivar House (Center for Latin American Studies).

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<sup>1</sup> Amnesty International. DOCUMENT - MEXICO: FURTHER INFORMATION: DISAPPEARED STUDENTS STILL MISSING IN MEXICO <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/AMR41/039/2014/en/1b6e7cf9-e962-43fc-8d47-05748682d65a/amr410392014en.html>

<sup>2</sup> A timeline of events can be found at: Animal Politico. <http://www.animalpolitico.com/2014/10/cronologia-del-caso-ayotzinapa-un-mes-de-la-desaparicion-de-43-estudiantes/>

<sup>3</sup> See two recommendations issued by Mexico's Ombudsman, Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos. Recomendación 80/2013. Caso de privación de la vida de 72 personas migrantes y atentados a la vida de los extranjeros V73 y V74, en el municipio de San Fernando, Tamaulipas. [http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/Recomendaciones/2013/REC\\_2013\\_080.pdf](http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/Recomendaciones/2013/REC_2013_080.pdf) and RECOMENDACIÓN 51/2014, SOBRE EL CASO DEL MUNICIPIO TLATLAYA, ESTADO DE MÉXICO [http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/Comunicados/2014/COM\\_2014\\_299.pdf](http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/Comunicados/2014/COM_2014_299.pdf)

## Resources Videos

On September 26th, 2014, local police in Iguala, Mexico, killed 6 people, wounded 20 more and abducted 43 students in a series of attacks that lasted around three hours. One month has gone by and the government has been unable to provide information about the missing students or apprehend those responsible. From students of Harvard, MIT, Berkeley and BU.

<http://youtu.be/d7odwkifrlw>

Missing Ayotzinapa students joking among themselves as they ploughed the flower fields that have since blossomed. In this video, two of their classmates, Omar Garcia and Gabriel Garcia Sanchez, tell us about the importance farming to the school and why they will never give up the search for their colleagues.

<http://youtu.be/5isWb0qryXg>

Omar García, sobreviviente de la masacre de estudiantes de Ayotzinapa, en México, da su versión de lo que pasó la noche del 26 de septiembre en Iguala, México (October 9, 2014).

<http://youtu.be/W2yBb-4B5FI>

Testimonio de estudiante sobreviviente del ataque de la policía municipal de Iguala, Guerrero, el 26 de Septiembre de 2014.

<http://youtu.be/71EQNShbXJE>

El Presidente Peña Nieto da una declaración luego del encuentro que sostuvo con los padres de los estudiantes desaparecidos de Ayotzinapa, Guerrero.

<http://youtu.be/6bjWs3b1Peo>

Carmen Aristegui recordó que “hay coincidencias” entre las declaraciones de Solalinde y las primeras declaraciones de Iñaki Blanco, procurador de justicia de Guerrero quién señaló que los normalistas habrían sido trasladados, ejecutados y calcinados en fosas.

<http://youtu.be/GK-LXtdZGcA>

mensaje televisivo transmitido por los representantes de la Normal Rural de Ayotzinapa, a través de la señal de TVUNAM:

<http://youtu.be/O8hAmrHR9F0>

Piecing together the facts: some selected news coverage, op-ed pieces and other sources.

- Amnesty International: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/AMR41/038/2014/en/6ccea7d-85db-4b30-9323-3b24b8150f17/amr410382014en.html>
- San Jose Mercury News: [http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci\\_26711555/san-jose-father-waits-news-about-mexico-massacre](http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci_26711555/san-jose-father-waits-news-about-mexico-massacre)
- New York Times: [http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/07/world/americas/43-missing-students-a-mass-grave-and-a-suspect-mexicos-police-.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/07/world/americas/43-missing-students-a-mass-grave-and-a-suspect-mexicos-police-.html?_r=0)
- New Yorker: <http://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/crisis-mexico-forty-three-missing-students-spark-revolution?intcid=mod-yml>
- The Economist: <http://www.economist.com/blogs/americasview/2014/10/massacres-mexico>
- Pope Francis: <https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/papa-francisco-reza-por-mexico-y-sus-43-estudiantes-desaparecidos-46628/>
- Brookings: <http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/up-front/posts/2014/10/03-renewed-violence-mexico-negroponte>
- Red de Rendicion de Cuentas: <http://rendiciondecuentas.org.mx/tag/ayotzinapa/>
- Animal Politico: <http://www.animalpolitico.com/2014/10/cronologia-del-caso-ayotzinapa-un-mes-de-la-desaparicion-de-43-estudiantes/>; <http://www.animalpolitico.com/blogeros-salir-de-dudas/2014/10/08/los-16-desaparecidos-desde-2013-que-anunciaron-ayotzinapa/>; <http://www.animalpolitico.com/2014/10/estudiantes/>; [www.animalpolitico.com/blogeros-blog-invitado/2014/10/28/igual-a-por-que-fue-el-estado](http://www.animalpolitico.com/blogeros-blog-invitado/2014/10/28/igual-a-por-que-fue-el-estado)
- Nexos: [www.nexos.com.mx/?p=23086](http://www.nexos.com.mx/?p=23086)
- Presidencia de la República: <http://www.presidencia.gob.mx/acuerdos-con-padres-de-familia-caso-ayotzinapa/>
- Folha de S.Paulo: <http://sylviacolombo.blogfolha.uol.com.br/2014/10/15/ayotzinapa-a-solidao-do-mexico/>

- El Pais: [http://internacional.elpais.com/internacional/2014/10/10/actualidad/1412957591\\_836104.html](http://internacional.elpais.com/internacional/2014/10/10/actualidad/1412957591_836104.html); [http://elpais.com/elpais/2014/10/24/opinion/1414176761\\_858161.html](http://elpais.com/elpais/2014/10/24/opinion/1414176761_858161.html)
- Proceso: <http://www.proceso.com.mx/?p=386287>
- Tlacinollan: <http://www.tlacinollan.org/ayotzinapa/>
- State Government of Guerrero: <http://hastaencontrarlos.guerrero.gob.mx>
- Blog del Narco (beware: graphic violence content): <http://www.elblogdelnarco.com/2014/10/los-guerreros-unidos-dice-en.html>
- BBC: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-29732720>; [http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/noticias/2014/10/141013\\_mexico\\_ayotzinapa\\_estudiantes\\_desaparecidos\\_an](http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/noticias/2014/10/141013_mexico_ayotzinapa_estudiantes_desaparecidos_an)
- Eje Central: <http://www.ejecentral.com.mx/la-disputa-por-la-nacion/>
- Reforma (through el Siglo de Torreon for non-subscribers): <http://www.elsiglodetorreon.com.mx/noticia/1053489.urge-actuar.html>