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Mexico's Missing and 'Disappeared'



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Last February, the Mexican government announced that it was revising and updating a database of more than 26,000 people who had been reported missing or "disappeared." The current database has many inconsistencies and incomplete data, and lacks the names of many people reported disappeared.

The government still needs to live up to this promise. It should also launch serious investigations to search for the disappeared and bring those responsible to justice.

Mexico has no national system that allows states to share and search for information on missing persons – or to alert police and check hospitals, prisons, and other institutions when someone has disappeared. The lack of such a registry has also made it difficult to determine the scale of disappearances nationwide.

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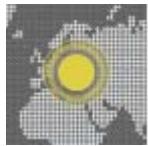
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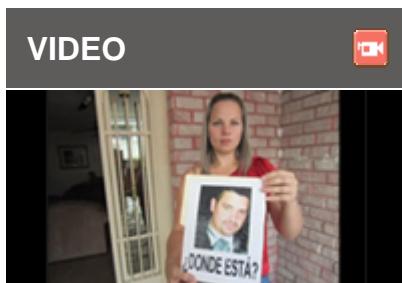


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