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Witness: Yearning for Freedom in Croatia – Tatjana's Story



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Tatjana is 47, but she can't travel to Austria to visit her daughter without permission from her legal guardian. In fact, she can't even leave the town in Croatia where she lives without approval. It's the same if she wants to move to another house, sign an employment contract, or even publish her poems. There's a lot she can't do without first seeking permission from her guardian.

Tatjana was diagnosed with schizophrenia in her early 30s and has been in and out of psychiatric hospitals since then. In 2005 she was forced to live in an institution. She spent nine years there.

Today, Tatjana lives in an apartment in town. And while she can take care of herself, the state still requires a legal guardian to hold sway over fundamental life decisions.

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Enforced disappearances and abductions are a human rights crisis of major proportions for Mexico. But the Peña Nieto administration has fallen woefully short of its commitment to find out what happened to these thousands of missing people, and is now even slashing the budget of the special prosecutors' unit it created to handle these cases.

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By John Sifton
The Diplomat

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By Amanda Klasing

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