

Mexico Offers 4.7 Million USD for Information on Missing Students



Mexico City, October 21 (RHC-Xinhua) -- Mexico's National Attorney General office said Monday that it will offer a reward of 64.5 million pesos (4.7 million U.S. dollars) for providing useful information on 43 missing students.

The money will be rewarded "to anyone who provides truthful and useful information that effectively contributes to the timely location of the 43 students," who came from the town of Ayotzinapa in Mexico's troubled southern state of Guerrero and have been missing since late September, said the office.

A reward of up to 1.5 million pesos (around 100,000 dollars) will be issued for useful information on each missing student, said the office, adding it will also reward any lead that could help to identify and arrest those responsible for the crime.

The students went missing following a clash with local police in Iguala, another city of Guerrero, on September 26th. Public pressure has been mounting on the government, which was initially slow to react to the incident.

The authorities said they are looking for the mayor of Iguala, who has been stripped of his post due to the incident, and the head of local public security, both at large.

A search operation has so far uncovered nearly 20 suspicious graves in and around Iguala, and an independent group of Argentinian forensic experts, hired by concerned parents and activist organizations, said it would take two more weeks to identify the burnt bodies.

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