

Activists Protest School of the Americas Amid Reports of FBI Spying



Atlanta, November 23 (RHC)-- Human rights activists converged on the U.S. state of Georgia over the weekend for the annual protest calling for the closure of the U.S. military training school known as School of the Americas.

Now called the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, or WISC, the school at Fort Benning, Georgia has trained Latin American military leaders and dictators accused of carrying out massacres and torture.

The protests come as newly released documents show the FBI monitored and infiltrated the peace group School of the Americas Watch, which organizes the annual rally. Documents obtained by the Partnership for Civil Justice Fund show that despite repeatedly acknowledging its activities were peaceful, the FBI spied on the group for a decade, using counter-terrorism units and confidential informants.

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