

Mexicans Commemorate 10th Anniversary of Police Raid on Atenco



Mexico City, May 6 (RHC)-- Hundreds marched in Mexico to mark 10 years since a brutal police raid on the town of Atenco.

Current President Enrique Peña Nieto, who was then the governor of the state of Mexico, ordered the police raid on Atenco amid protests in support of local flower vendors. Two people were killed, 200 activists and peasants arrested, and more than two dozen women said they were sexually tortured.

Activists continue to protest renewed plans to build a new airport in the area. Adán Espinoza of the People's Front in Defense of the Land spoke at Wednesday's march. He said that Peña Nieto should be held responsible for the beatings and deaths, as well as the torture of women who resisted the police attack. And he vowed to continue saying "no" to the new airport at whatever the cost.

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