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New report denounces Mexico's crisis of disappearances

Disappearances in Mexico have become commonplace because federal and state authorities have tolerated and refused to clamp down on them, Amnesty International concludes in a new report to be launched on Tuesday 4 June in Mexico City.

The report, *Confronting a nightmare: Disappearances in Mexico* describes one of Mexico's most pressing human rights concerns. The Mexican government itself has recognized the existence of more than 26,000 disappearances in the country - a shocking reality that cannot be ignored.

From 5 to 7 June Amnesty International representatives will participate in a conference organized by relatives of the disappeared in the northern city of Saltillo. The goal of the conference is to identify and promote measures to combat disappearances. They will be available for interviews.

What: Launch of the report *Confronting a nightmare. Disappearances in Mexico*.

When: Tuesday, 4 June. 10:30 hrs. (15:30 GMT)

Where: Museo Memoria y Tolerancia (Plaza Juárez S/N, Centro, Cuauhtémoc, 06000 Ciudad de México, Distrito Federal, México).

Who: Daniel Zapico, Amnesty International Mexico director; Rupert Knox, Amnesty International's researcher on Mexico, and relatives of disappeared people.

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