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## Mexico: Indigenous women and military injustice

Amnesty International is launching its latest report on Mexico *Indigenous women and military injustice* 23 November at a press conference in Mexico City. The report highlights cases of nine indigenous women who were reportedly raped by members of the Mexican army in the past ten years. It examines the impact of the military justice system and impunity in these cases of violence against women.

The results of the research are based on information gathered by Amnesty International's delegates during visits to Mexico in 2003 and 2004. Delegates met with survivors, witnesses, local non-governmental organizations and lawyers.

The report forms part of Amnesty International's worldwide campaign to Stop Violence Against Women, that was launched in March 2003.

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WHEN: Tuesday 23 November, 10:00 AM (Mexico City time), 16:00 GMT

**VENUE:** Casa Refugio, Citlaléteptl 25, esq. con Amsterdam, Colonia Hipódromo Condesa, México DF, 06170

A press conference will also take place in Chilpancingo, Guerrero State, on 24 November 2004. For more information please contact the Mexican section of Amnesty International.

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Interviews will be available in English and Spanish.

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