

Ending the brutal cycle of violence against women in Mexico

The ongoing impunity around the brutal pattern of violence against women in Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua has persisted since the early 1990s. In spite of intense national and international pressure and the Mexico Federal Government's implementation in 2003 and 2004 of a programme of measures to prevent and prosecute acts of violence against women, justice for the victims and families is still yet to be achieved. Proper investigations into cases are necessary and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In the state of Guerrero, rape and sexual violence against indigenous women by the military is a further area of concern for Amnesty International. In a new report [link], the organization is highlighting the lack of impartiality and independence of Mexico's military justice system to investigate human rights violations against women committed by members of the armed forces. The Mexican authorities must restrict military justice and ensure that cases of human rights violations by the armed forces are investigated and tried in the civilian justice system.

Amnesty International continues to campaign to stop violence against women in Mexico.

Thanks to all those who have taken part in the Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua action.