

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL.

GLOBAL PEACE ROUND TABLE

WORLD WIDE EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

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CURRENT SITUATION IN MEXICO IN RELATION TO VIOLENCE

THE SITUATION

Mexico is in the middle of an unprecedented state of violence that has worn down several regions of the country and has affected the life of millions of people. **Since the beginning of the so called “War on Narco”, declared by former president Felipe Calderón on 2006, there have been almost 150,000 murders (1), between 27,000 and 200,000 missing persons that have been disappeared either by state forces or by criminal organization (2), between 60,000 and 100,000 migrants have been assassinated (3), and at least 170,000 people have been displaced from their homeland (4).** Besides these terrifying statistics, Mexico is the most dangerous country –only behind Somalia- for the journalists to perform their job. More journalists and media workers have been killed in Mexico’s democratic period that started in July 2000 than in all World War II or in the last Iraq invasion.

CIVIL SOCIETY INITIATIVES FOR PEACE IN MEXICO

Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity

(Movimiento por la Paz con Justicia y Dignidad)

<http://movimientoporlapaz.mx/>

HISTORY

Since 2006 the public security policy address the problem of organized crime which has had a central militarization. Get the army on the streets is a strategy whose objectives are unclear and on which the public has no opportunity to know what it is their level of compliance.

Contrary to the lack of evaluation indicators that can sustain the strategy are correct; the number of victims is more than 35,000so far in six years according to official figures, which have been characterized as a whole, stacked, nameless and stories making them seem like "collateral damage".

These men and women who are killed are only the beginning of the red thread leading to enforced disappearances, exiles, forced displacement, torture, extortion, corruption, impunity and the tearing of the social fabric.

On March 28, 2011, one of these crimes, that of Juan Francisco Sicilia meant that his father Javier Sicilia, well known poet and writer, got up against this war and on his trail thousands of people and organizations with new or trodden gaits were grouped under the idea "**No more blood**", "**We're sick of this shit**" (Estamos hasta la madre) and the goal of a "Peace with Justice and Dignity".

MPJD AND CONGRESSMEN present the initiative of Reform Act of Victims.

Mexico City, February 19, 2013 -. Yesterday, we presented the package of reforms to the General Victims Act in the Senate. With the support of the main blocs in the Senate and by the President of Mexico, SOS organization, Alejandro Martí, Maria Elena Morera, Common Cause and the founder of the Movement for Peace, Javier Sicilia, the reforms that improve present General Victims Act passed by both houses and signed and published by the Federal Executive. These reforms echo the debate that followed the publication of the law, allowing the implementation of the General Law on Victims possible and not remain a dead letter.

Now. It is on the Mexican Congress responsibility that these reforms thrive and victims of violence in Mexico will have as soon as possible a tool that facilitates the way for obtaining justice.

The Victims law was approved by the Chamber of Senators and Representatives chamber to be promulgated on January 9, 2013 and thanks to the initiative of the Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity

Search:

A National Emergency: Javier Sicilia Calls Upon the People of Mexico

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_CiKzttxMQ

En la Soledad del Otro

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XujUvo2EduA>

Victims Law

<http://www.diputados.gob.mx/LeyesBiblio/pdf/LGV.pdf>

NUESTRA APARENTE RENDICIÓN (NAR)

(Our Apparent Surrender)

A PROJECT FOR PEACE AND DIALOGUE.

THE BEGINNINGS

"Nuestra Aparente Rendición" (Our Apparent Surrender) was born as a space to try to understand, think about, accompany and traverse together this tragedy in the most human way possible. NAR is a project that is showing, spreading, denouncing and reflecting about the consequences of the war and, especially, on peace building. We have established an intergenerational and interdisciplinary dialogue between different actors in different places. Our project has been enriched by the participation of other collectives, journalists, artists, professors, students, intellectuals, victims and witnesses

TODAY

After four years and thanks to the hard work and solidarity of dozens of persons, our association is already known nationally and internationally. We have become an ethical and citizen reference on the analysis of Mexico's violence. We have worked with a wonderful multidisciplinary team and we have maintained our humaneness intact in the middle of this human catastrophe. We have devised different forms to think about what is happening in México and try to solve it.

OBJECTIVES

There's a lot to be done in Mexico, and that is why we want to underpin our project so we can be more helpful. We want to create synergies with others and consolidate different teams that can help us to manage projects on human rights, art and critical thought as tools for social empowerment. We want to escalate our technical capacities and develop security protocols for our collaborators and us. We want also to make it easier to the ones that help us. We want to broaden our perspective and keep joining efforts.

MENOS DÍAS AQUÍ

(Less days here)

<http://menosdiasaqui.blogspot.mx/>

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"Un día los muertos de la llamada guerra del narcotráfico serán verdad" (Diego Osorno)

REALIZAMOS EL CONTEO NACIONAL DE MUERTOS POR LA VIOLENCIA EN MÉXICO CON INFORMACIÓN RECABADA EN MEDIOS DE INFORMACIÓN DE TODO EL PAÍS. NUESTRA FUNCIÓN NO ES SEÑALAR CULPABLES, SINO GUARDAR MEMORIA DE TODOS NUESTROS MUERTOS. CON RESPETO.

From 12/sep/2010 we have had 50,446 deaths from violence in Mexico

"One day the dead of the so called drug war will become true" (Diego Osorno)

We realize the national counting of death by violence in Mexico, from the information collected through Media Nationwide : "OUR JOB IS NOT POINTING OUT GUILTY, BUT SAVE THE MEMORY OF ALL OUR DEAD PEOPLE, WITH RESPECT."

Examples:

JALISCO

Tomatlan, 07/07/2014.- David Galindo 49 years of age and Pablo Guzman Tolentino, 41 years old, were killed by gunmen at a ranch known as Gates, beginning with the public prosecutor investigating the case.

JALISCO

Guadalajara, 08/07/2014.- a man was gunned down in Colonia Las Águilas, unofficially the victim was identified as an escort Julian Guerrero apparently was ex military, in the place of execution R 30 caps were found -15.

BORDAMOS POR LA PAZ

(Embroider for Peace)

<http://bordamosporlapaz.blogspot.mx/>

<https://www.facebook.com/BordamosPorLaPazGuadalajara?fref=ts>

“Months ago I learned that a group of women organized to embroider handkerchiefs in honor of the dead on Sunday in Coyoacan. D.F.. It is not anything, because even if not common now, years ago my mother embroidered my name on a sheet and probably embroidered initials of my father in his handkerchiefs. Embroider a handkerchief is an act of love, of recognition.

And it was so, we started to do it in Guadalajara. Buying scarves, hoops, needles, threads (red color) Reaching NAR and printing a list of only 3 days. Begining to transcribe the information on the handkerchiefs. How many ways to die? How many hands of criminals? Why they do it? How is it possible that this extensive carnage not to be investigated? We bought 60 scarves in which we reported the violence of only two and a half days. It takes three hours to embroider a handkerchief. In Mexico every 40 minutes a violent crime occurs.

Two women aged 19 were shot on their way to school. “What do you call this stitch?” “I do not remember, only what I learned in school”. “Since when, the lives of two women who are heading to school are in danger?” Nobody saw the murderers, nobody saw the crime, no one heard the bullets, anybody stopped their sales to find out what was happening. They found them in the morning. Long time, no haste, I think something is wrong, I see that it is being crooked. It doesn’t matter, they say. Yes, it matters, I say. Because somewhere in my mind tells me there is an idea that maybe if I do it straight as the nuns told me, this is fixed. That probably does not leave many threads or knots on the back, so their families could find peace.”

“We embroider outdoors, under the shadows of the trees. A person with his hand, embroidering is coming. We comment. “I come from another state, I knew I would be here”. “Three of my nephews are missing. Young, very young, handsome too”. They went to one of his sons, age 2. The boy was found in a Foster Home. Do not bring children. This last sentence is in my mind. Do you have principles? As if a tiny light to illuminate a dark cave.

We embroider perhaps because we want to create something beautiful pieces we collect from hell. Because some hands can transform things and transform them into beautiful things we need because we work with many hands to do the detestable, the nameless, incomprehensible.

“We embroider with hope that peace comes again”. We embroider each handkerchief in order not to forget, to pronounce, to honor those who have been killed and to reflect for the families to be conformed. To recuperate their dignity. To remember that each of those been killed had dreams, purposes, strong desires that were not accomplished because their life was taken violently. Before dying each of them was a real possibility. Today, we can only embroider their name and recognize how vulnerable we are. “

All those handkerchiefs tell us stories of their children, husbands, wives, relatives who were killed with no real reason. We try to change their tragedy into a memory that may remain forever.

The net has been spreading and at present volunteers in 20 cities within the Mexican Republic and 16 countries in Central and South America as well as Europe and Japan.”

Reference: TERE SORDO VILCHIS, member of the group of volunteers.

Alpha Chapter has been in touch with the embroidery project and had a special workshop by one of the members of this projects who explained and showed the members what they are doing. A sample was shown to them.

OTHER VIOLENCE SITUATIONS IN MEXICO (All related with the Organized Crime)

- **ARMS TRAFFICKING**

In the last decade, Mexico went from twenty-second to fifth in arms trafficking worldwide. It is estimated that each day come into the country about 2,000 to supply the drug cartels, organized crime and common, and millions of civilians who are in possession of a means of defense against the growing insecurity. International organizations estimate that some 20 million illegal arms are circulating in Mexico, of which more than 5 million 500 thousand are authorized by the Department of Defense

The weapons come mostly from U.S., by air or sea to Guatemala for distribution in Mexico, Central and South America. The advantage of this market is that purchases can be done without intermediaries, and the crossing is much simpler than in the northern border.

<http://contralinea.info/archivo-revista/index.php/2011/11/16/trafico-de-armas-el-negocio-de-la-muerte/>

Since 2005, the General Attorney (PGR) has accepted that through internet groups of organized delinquents have been buying weapons, but nowadays members of the common

society do the same for their own security. Mexico City and the State of Mexico are important suppliers of illegal arms. The prices vary according to how new or old and if they are “cold” or “hot” (hot means they used the arm for a particular crime)

The weapons that come from the USA are sent from Tijuana, Mexicali, Nogales, Culiacán, Tepic, Guadalajara, Morelia, Chilpancingo, Oaxaca

The UN representative, against drug and crime, ANTONIO LUIGI MAZZITELLI, says that to fight against all these markets, is that the Mexican Government to have a very strict control of all imported arms with names and registration numbers.

Another problem related to violence is: BULLYING in schools. This is happening everywhere, however, Delta Kappa Gamma Jalisco is well acquainted of this and have organized a lecture by a medical doctor, Dr. Medina Leal, pediatric psychiatrist. “THE PROBLEM OF BULLYING, WHAT CAN PARENTS AND TEACHERS DO?”

There are too many reasons such as violence at home within the families.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-8s7ev3dRM>

When working at school I established a real nice program from K-6 which I took from an idea of schools in Oregon. “HANDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING” later on we added: “WORDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING”

Video: carloscuaronvideoEIEconomista

We have also presented workshops to teachers and parents related to: MINDFULNESS, HOW TO RAISE SUCCESSFUL YOUNGSTERS, PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN, and a round table on: WHAT’S THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATING? ARE WE REALLY PREPARING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNGSTERS TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF TODAY’S WORLD?

We at DKG Jalisco are well aware that teachers and parents need tools to work with. We have been reviewing MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES (Howard Gardner and Daniel Goleman) and FIVE MINDS FOR THE FUTURE.

I am connected to: walkfree.org/a-world-without-slavery, to keep in touch with the real world.

http://www.walkfree.org/a-world-without-slavery/utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=a-word-without-slavery

Very Shortly I will explain about the following;

DISAPPEARANCE OF PERSONS

- SLAVES – FORCE LABOR
- MODERN SLAVERY
- SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- ORGAN TRAFFICKING
- MIGRANT TRAFFICKING

*“TO TRANSFORM THE VIOLENT MAN WHO MAINTAINS FIRMLY THAT CHANGE AND PEACE COME BY MEANS OF VIOLENCE”
“LET’S ALLOW THAT REAL PEACE, THE ONE THAT IS WITHIN OUR HEARTS, TRANSFORMS AND DEFEAT WAR, INJUSTICE AND VIOLENCE”.*

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