

# Newsletter

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## The voice of the president

**THE CNDH OFFERS, STARTING ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, A COMPLAINTS RECEPTION SERVICE IN ITS FACILITIES IN DOWNTOWN MEXICO CITY 24 HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR, IN AN EFFORT TO TRANSFORM THE INSTITUTION TO SERVE PEOPLE**

**DGC/461/2019**

*November 25, 2019*

At the beginning of the reorganization of the National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) and with the purpose of getting closer its services to the victims of violations of fundamental human rights, as well as the task of legal orientation, the office of this national body in downtown Mexico City is open since Saturday, November 23, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

This has to do with an effort to transform the CNDH into an institution to serve people. So, the office located in 60 Republic of Cuba, Cuauhtémoc Municipality, is from now on the new main see of this autonomous body where complaints can be filed in case federal administrative authorities, excepting those from the judicial branch, commit acts or omissions that violate human rights.

Also, when a person commits a crime with the tolerance or consent of some public servant or federal authority, or when these actors refuse without any base to exercise their legal attributions regarding such crimes. Particularly, on conducts that affect people's physical integrity.

In the same way, about irregularities for omissions or inactivity of local human rights bodies, as well as for the insufficiency in the fulfillment of their recommendations by local authorities.

In this kind of scenarios, the CNDH has competence to know complaints related to alleged violations of human rights in any place in the country.

This national commission reminds what is necessary to file a complaint:

It has to be filed in writing in the CNDH's facilities, by first class mail or facsimile. In urgent cases, not written complaints will be admitted by other means of communication like phone calls; In such case, only the minimal data of identification will have to be mentioned. When minors or persons unable to write can file their complaint verbally.

Contact the CNDH or to its president, Ms. María del Rosario Piedra Ibarra, and expressly ask the intervention of this national body.

The signature or fingerprint of the plaintiff is necessary; the CNDH does not admit anonymous communications. So, if at the beginning the plaintiff does not identify himself or does not sign the complaint, a ratification ought to be filed within three days of its presentation.

The complaint should also have the minimal data of identification like name, last name, address, and if possible, a phone number to reach the person whose fundamental rights were or are being violated, as well as the one of the person who files the complaint. A narrative of the violating facts to human rights must be included, mentioning the name of the alleged responsible authority, and delivering, if possible, all the documents to prove the human rights violation.

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It is important to say that all CNDH's services are free; a lawyer is not necessary to ask for them because this national body has trained personnel to help, guide, and legally advise whoever requires it.

It should be pointed out that the General Directorate of Complaints, Orientation, and Transparency has guarding personnel who can receive and address claims and urgent complaints, also to provide any sort of advisory or information 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

The National Commission of Human Rights reminds that complaints can also be filed online on the webpage [www.cndh.org.mx](http://www.cndh.org.mx) or calling to the phone number 55 5681 8125, asking a transfer to the area of complaints.

[https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/461-2019\\_0.pdf](https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/461-2019_0.pdf)



## Event of the month

DGC/460/2019

### INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

November 25, 2019

Violence against women and girls is a gross violation of human rights. Each day, women and girls of all ages live in constant risk of suffering some kind of violence; most of them, in some moments of their lives, have been victims of violence or have threatened for the mere fact of being women.

Simultaneity and intertwining of different forms of violence against women -whether in the family, sexual, psychological, at work, obstetric, political, or due to sexual preference, ethnic, religious, institutional- responds to the multiplicity of social violence and oppression that still exist against women. The most brutal and extreme manifestation on gender-based violence is femicide. Femicide, most of the time is the result of a set of aggressions like physical, verbal, and emotional treatment, sexual abuse, torture, and other conducts that put women in a subordination, risk, and helplessness situation. Therefore, on many occasions ends with the deprivation of life.

The situation of violence against women has increased over the last years. The outcome of the 2016 National Survey about the Relations Dynamics at Home (ENDIREH), showed that from the 46.5 million women 15 years old or older in the country, 30.7 million (that is 66.1%) have suffered at least one violent incident in their lives; meaning that 7 out of 10 women have suffered violence.

Regarding the violence that women suffered when they were kids, according to the ENDIREH, 38.2% of women 15 years old answered that they suffered at least one violent incident in their lives before they were 15. That is nearly 4 out of 10 women 15 years old in Mexico who suffered violence during their childhood.

<https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/Com-2019-460.pdf>

**Día Naranja** | EL 25 DE CADA MES

**Concientizar para Prevenir la Violencia  
contra Mujeres y Niñas**

La CNDH se ha sumado a la campaña "ÚNETE para poner fin a la violencia contra las mujeres", promovida por la Organización de las Naciones Unidas.

Por ese motivo, la CNDH te invita a que este

**Lunes 25 de noviembre**

portes el **lazo naranja** y, si te es posible, utilices alguna prenda naranja.

Estas acciones simbólicas refrendan nuestro compromiso con una cultura por la igualdad entre mujeres y hombres, y para la prevención de la violencia de género.

**Ningún tipo de violencia es aceptable, todo tipo de violencia es prevenible.**



**THE CNDH ISSUED TWO RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO CITY FOR THE NON-COMPLIANCE OF FIRM RULINGS AND NON-CHALLENGEABLE FROM THE TFCA IN FAVOR OF TWO PEOPLE FIRED WHO HAVE TO BE REINSTATED ALONG WITH THEIR WHOLE RIGHTS**

**DGC/453/2019**

*November 15, 2019*

The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) issued recommendations 89/2019 and 90/2019 to Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, Chief of Government of Mexico City, for violations to the rights to legality, legal safety, access to justice, and reasonable period for the non-compliance of two firm rulings from the Federal Tribunal of Conciliation and Arbitrage (TFCA), in detriment of three victims, consisting in omissions and irregularities attributed to the personnel of the Ministry of Mobility of Mexico City (SEMOVI).

This autonomous body witnessed that in the first case, two workers from the current SEMOVI were fired in 2002, and they filed a work sue against such ministry before the First Courtroom of the TFCA, which issued in 2012 a ruling in favor of the victims to be reinstated and get unpaid wages, christmas bonus, vacation bonus, and other payments. The ruling has been non-challengeable since 2014, however, it has not been complied yet.



[https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/COM\\_2019\\_453.pdf](https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/COM_2019_453.pdf)

**THE CNDH ISSUES SPECIAL REPORTS OVER THE SITUATION OF THE MIGRATORY STATIONS FROM INM, AND ABOUT THE VIOLENCE CONTEXT THAT JOURNALISTS FACE IN VERACRUZ, AS WELL AS A REPORT REGARDING DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGNS OR FAKE NEWS**

**DGC/455/2019**

*November 15, 2019*

Today, the CNDH made public on its webpage the Special Report "Situation of the Migratory Stations in Mexico, towards a New Alternative Model to Detention", whose goals are to document physical conditions of migratory facilities in the country and how such conditions influence on the respect on the human rights of detained migrants. All of this resulted in proposals of alternatives to migratory detention to comply with the commitments acquired on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration and the complete protection of the human rights of migrants.

The special report states that despite not documented migration in Mexico represents only an administrative offense, the conditions of those facilities where migrants are deprived of freedom are still managed with parameters of social reinsertion centers.

The CNDH documented that conditions both physical and functioning in migratory facilities do not allow that migrants have access to a decent treatment because there is no proper structure which results in the lack of hygiene, food, necessary recreational for the development of daily life spaces, as documented also on recommendations 59/2017 and 80/2017.

[https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/](https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/Com_2019_455.pdf)

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**MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRIQUI PEOPLE**

*November 19, 2019*

On November 19, in the see of the CNDH, the president of the CNDH, Rosario Piedra Ibarra and representatives of the Triqui people of Oaxaca held a meeting. Before them, she committed herself to establish a module in that region to get the services of the commission closer for those who require them, and to start the transformation process to place victims in the center of all its actions.

**FIRST: THE HUMAN CONTACT**

*November 20, 2019*

From the first actions that the president of the CNDH carried out was making a tour through all facilities of the commission to meet all sorts of personnel directly.



**THE CNDH DEMANDS THREE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, FAMILIES AND SOCIETY TO ERADICATE RECURRENT VIOLENCE AGAINST MINORS; ALSO, THE VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS IS PREVENTABLE, AND THE RIGHTS OF 40 MILLION GIRLS, BOYS, AND TEENAGERS HAVE TO BE PROTECTED**

**DGC/457/2019**

*November 20, 2019*

On occasion of the World Children's Day –November 20—, the National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) demands authorities of three levels of government, families, and society to leave behind recurrent violence that minors suffer in all areas in which they interact, and to respect and guarantee all their rights to create a peaceful, inclusive and democratic society.



The violation of the rights of girls, boys, and teenagers is not unavoidable but it depends that laws and norms are enforced. Also, there have to be defined policies of protection, communication and promotion of those laws and policies. The goal is to change the whole culture and to raise awareness society from families and communities.

That is why, the CNDH suggests that Mexico needs to invest and take immediate action to safeguard the rights of 40 million minors in the country, and who require the reinforced protection from the State. First, we need to guarantee opportunities equality of development but also the fight to different problems which affect them like family and school violence; the increase of health problems due to environmental pollution, overweight, obesity, and discrimination. Other serious problems are human trafficking, disappearance, sexual and labor exploitation, killings, and the consequences of the presence of organized crime groups in various parts of the country.

[https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/Com\\_2019\\_457.pdf](https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/Com_2019_457.pdf)

**THE CNDH CONDEMNS THE MURDER OF THE ACTIVIST FROM THE STATE OF GUERRERO ARNULFO CERÓN SORIANO; AND DEMANDS AUTHORITIES TO PREVENT IMPUNITY AND EXPRESSES ITS CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND PARTNERS FROM THE ORGANIZATIONS HE WAS PART OF**

**DGC/458/2019**

*November 21, 2019*

The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) condemns the murder of human rights defender Arnulfo Cerón Soriano, leader of the Frente Popular de la Montaña and the Movimiento por la Libertad de los Presos Políticos de Guerrero, and demands authorities of that state to solve the crime soon. At the same time, the CNDH expresses its condolences to his family, as well as its solidarity to his partners of the organizations he was part of.

With this crime, 49 murders of activists have occurred since 2006; 9 of them during 2019, which shows the serious risk that human rights defenders face in the country, as well as the need of reverting this situation as soon as possible and to prevent the normalization of these kind of crimes.

Because of the information coming from the media, the General Prosecutor of that state confirmed the finding of the corpse of the defender in a clandestine grave in the Municipality of Tlapa de Comonfort, and the arrest of two people, this national body emphasizes the importance of complying with due process to prevent impunity in this case. The CNDH reminds that on October 14 asked such prosecutor and Florencio Salazar Adame, General Secretary of Government to implement precautionary measures to search and find Cerón Soriano, and also to investigate the facts emphasizing at all time the line of investigation regarding his work as an activist in favor of fundamental rights.



<https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/>

[COMUNICADO\\_458-2019.pdf](https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/COMUNICADO_458-2019.pdf)



**THE CNDH ASKS THE GOVERNMENT AND PROSECUTOR OF VERACRUZ TO SAFEGUARD THE LIFE AND SAFETY OF JOURNALIST CARLOS GUILLERMO GARCÍA HERNÁNDEZ, BECAUSE OF THE DEPRIVATION OF FREEDOM HE SUFFERED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NANCHITAL**

**DGC/459/2019**

*November 22, 2019*

The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) learned that today in the Municipality of Nanchital, Veracruz, armed men entered the domicile of journalist Carlos Guillermo García Hernández, director of the digital media "El Clarín", and was kidnapped violently in a car.

From information provided by local authorities to this national body, this afternoon, and resulting from a raid the journalist was freed, who is already giving testimony before ministerial authorities of that state.

The CNDH asks the government and prosecutor of Veracruz to implement precautionary measures to safeguard the life and safety of the journalist and his family. Specifically, the CNDH asked the prosecutor of Veracruz to investigate the facts emphasizing on his job.

In the case Carlos Guillermo García Hernández, in Nanchital, as in all and each one of the crimes against journalists, justice has to be made and punishment for those responsible to avoid impunity in this sort of crimes at any cost.

[https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/COM\\_2019\\_459.pdf](https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/COM_2019_459.pdf)



**THE CNDH WARNS THAT UNILATERAL STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS AGAINST TERRORISM ARE AS SERIOUS AS THE SCOURGE ITSELF AND CAN PROVOKE PERSECUTION, CONDEMNS IN ADVANCE AND ACTS OF HARD OR IMPOSSIBLE REPARATION**

**DGC/462/2019**

*November 27, 2019*

The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) warns about the seriousness of unilateral statements to fight terrorism that may be as damaging as this criminal phenomenon itself, because they harm cooperation and friendship relations amid countries, create stigmatization, discrimination, segregation of people and groups which results on xenophobia, rejection, and hate speeches. This harms fundamental rights regarding nationality, what can provoke persecution, condemns in advance, and acts of hard or impossible reparation; besides, bilateral or international agreements may be breached.

Because of the statements coming from different political and social actors over terrorism, for this national commission, the fight against this scourge is a matter of international cooperation that has to be based on bilateral or international agreements, in the respect of human rights and people's dignity. Such a fight cannot be linked to any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group.



This autonomous body underlines that all measures to fight terrorism ought to strictly align to international laws, including international norms and duties on human rights and humanitarian law. Unilateral measures from a State contravene schemes of necessary international cooperation to eradicate that scourge.

<https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/COM-2019-462.pdf>

**ASSISTANCE TO A FORUM WITH SCHOLARS AND EVO MORALES**

*November 27, 2019*

Along with scholars, opinion leaders, and school leaders, the president of the CNDH intervened in the discussion session “Mexico with Evo Morales” to expose México’s approach regarding the right to asylum, and also to make a strong defense of the right to social protest, which has been violated in Bolivia, a friend-country.

**CONFERENCE AT THE FORUM WITH INTERNAL AREAS OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SERVICE**

*November 29, 2019*

On November 29, the head of the CNDH went to a forum organized by the Ministry of the Civil Service to talk about corruption and human rights. The event took place in Oaxtepec, Morelos. Such forum gathered comptrollers of the federal government from all over the country.



**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendation**

**Issue**

**Responsible Authority**

**Recommendation No. 99/2019**  
November 13, 2019

About the impugnation appeal filed by R against the agreement of No Responsibility issued by the State Commission of Human Rights of Chihuahua.

Presidency of the State Commission of Human Rights of Chihuahua.

[https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/Rec\\_2019\\_099.pdf](https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-11/Rec_2019_099.pdf)



**Recommendation**

**Issue**

**Responsible Authority**

**Recommendation No. 31VG/2019**  
November 12, 2019

About the case of gross violations to the human rights to legality, to legal safety, to life, to truth, and to the superior interest of the child in detriment of students and staff from Colegio 1 in Mexico City, due to the earthquakes in September 2017.

Secretary of Public Education, Chief of Government of Mexico City, and Municipality of Tlalpan in Mexico City.

[https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-10/Rec\\_2019\\_89.pdf](https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-10/Rec_2019_89.pdf)



## ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

### A digital platform gathers the work of the journalists murdered in Mexico

This pioneer intent of systematizing the barbarity against journalists in Mexico has been developed along with Alejandra Ibarra, journalist and coordinator of the project, by the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), Brown Institute for Media Innovation and Article 19. With this tool, available already online, the intent is to make visible the violence spirals that journalist suffer over the last two decades in the country.

Since the year 2000, 111 journalists and media workers have been killed in Mexico, according to Democracy Fighters. 99% of cases remain unpunished. Furthermore, the platform is divided on topics and provides a social and political context of the workplace of journalists. "In Mexico is very easy to kill someone. Although the intention of the initiative is to aggregate nearly 12,000 works on different formats from the 111 journalists murdered since the year 2000, currently, the webpage only has victim's material since 2011.

Ibarra has no doubt that the task is complex because of the level of lack of protection and the increase each year of murdered journalists in the country. Brutality towards the press in Mexico is on the rise. Back in 2018, Reporters Without Borders (RWB) noted that the Latin American country was the most dangerous only behind Syria and Afghanistan, countries in war for years. The keynote of 2019 exceeds last year's numbers of disappeared and murdered journalists. Democracy Fighters prevents the loss all this legacy and that these media workers become mere numbers.

[https://elpais.com/sociedad/2019/10/11/actualidad/1570810401\\_163061.html](https://elpais.com/sociedad/2019/10/11/actualidad/1570810401_163061.html)

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

### Africa in transformation

CARLOS LOPES  
 NUMBER OF PAGES: 240 PAGES.  
 BINDING: HARD COVER  
 PUBLISHER: CATARATA  
 LANGUAGE: CASTILIAN  
 ISBN: 978-84-9097-727-9



Carlos Lopes deals with the African Transformation over the following challenges: changing politics and understanding its spaces, respecting diversity, transforming structures through industrialization, increasing agricultural productivity, reviewing the social contract, adapting to climate change, and incorporating the agency to the relations with China. Lopes reviews some of the most urgent development challenges that African countries face and gives the best remedy along with suggestions about how to seize to the maximum what is close, what is available.

[https://www.catarata.org/libro/africa-en-transformacion\\_9681/](https://www.catarata.org/libro/africa-en-transformacion_9681/)





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