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The families of the missing normalistas
To the people of Mexico on both sides of the border
A political and grassroots organizations

Unión del Barrio, a political organization based in the occupied territory of Southern California, extends our deepest sympathy to the families of the 43 missing normalistas after the violent events that occurred on the 26th and 27th of September in the town of Iguala. Furthermore, we express our complete repudiation of all three levels of Mexican state power, all of which are responsible for this barbaric crime against humanity. Because the Mexican state is primarily responsible for these repressive acts, we therefore situate the greatest responsibility of this terrible crime with the Mexican president Enrique Peña Nieto.

For generations the Mexican state has instituted a systematic campaign to criminalize social protest, particularly in the sector of education. The Mexican state has also promoted a climate of fear and confusion, sponsored, and fomented the drug economy and daily killings related to it. Unión del Barrio has for some time warned of the likelihood that the Mexican government would ultimately use the pretext of the "war on drugs" in order to repress social and political movements within Mexico.

The recent events in Iguala are evidence of this. The student teachers of Ayotzinapa became the target of the informal repressive apparatus of state power – that is narco violence – in order to murder student rural teachers rural precisely because they were political and they were organized. This made the "enemy" of the Mexican government, and it is this logic of death that should be eliminated.

Within hours of the violence occurring in Iguala, the media presented it as a possible settling of accounts between rival drug cartels. This was nothing less than mediatic complicity with government lies used to confuse the Mexican people and distract attention away from the Mexican political class.

With these actions the Mexican state shows its true repressive nature that seeks to terrorize and contain the spread of organized social forces struggling against it. We urge all popular organizations to continue our journey of organizing on both sides of the border and maintain vigilance to resist future repressive acts which we should know are now inevitable.

They were alive when they were taken, and alive is how we want them back!

Reject Impunity!

Long Live The Students of Isidro Burgos Ayotzinapa!

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