

URGENT ACTION. SECURITY FOR JOURNALIST RAFAEL SAID HERNANDEZ

The Committee of Integral Defense of Human Rights Gobixha A.C. manifests his concern on the attack with the use of a blade weapon that the photographer of magazine "El Tucan", Rafael Said Hernandez has suffered early Sunday morning on June 24th on his arrival home.

According to some local media report this events occurred around 3:30 a.m. when the photojournalist was arriving to his place of residence located in downtown at Colonia Figueroa accompanied by his brother where three individuals where waiting in a grey car in which he was hitten and two times stabbed, one on his right nipple and the other one on his left leg. For those wounds he was operated and his health status is considered as delicate.

Worth mentioning that the witnesses in the place denounced immediately the facts and that the Municipal Police of Oaxaca arrested the three aggressors who were moving in a Renault car with plates TK9115 of the state of Mexico. The journalist's mother witnessed all the facts and heard as the aggressors said: "Now you are going to die for your damn magazine". It has confirmed that from the 3 aggressors one of them has police records. For those facts the director of Magazine Tucan (<http://revistatucan.com/>) considers the possibility of an attempt due to his work on journalism. It's important to mention that on their last 2 publications they placed on manifest the monitoring of the severe human rights violations in 2006.

It's Important to remember that at the end of April the Congress approved *the Law for Protection of Human Rights Defenders and Journalists*, "with the objective of implementing and develop prevention and protection measures that can guarantee the life, integrity and security of people living a situation of risk as a consequence of the defense and promotion of the human rights, and the practice of freedom of expression and journalism". (art 1) promulgated on June 22th by President Calderon, published yesterday at the Official Newspaper of the Federation and which finally being in force today.

Because of this CODIGO DH:

1. Requires the guarantee of the security of the journalist and his family, as well as his physical and mental integrity due the possibility of new aggressions. This under standards of the new Law for Protection to Human Rights Defenders and Journalists.
2. The development of a new investigation that can clearly locate the motives of aggression and that can be published by the state attorney, every time this can be related to the journalist work of the Rafael Said Hernandez.
3. The creation of an Action of Protection to Defenders and Journalists written in the mentioned law, "so that the state attends his responsibility of protecting, promoting and guaranteeing human rights." As it's written in his Article 1.

We require solidarity to all the national and international organizations to make his appeals to:

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