

UN Demands Human Rights for Drug Cartel Assassins

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The United Nations may soon file a human rights lawsuit against the Mexican government for deploying military troops to arrest drug kingpins. The UN Human Rights Commission contends that killers-for-hire should not be confronted by law enforcement authorities. President Barack Obama is a full-fledged member of the commission.

According to the Houston Chronicle, "shielded by a chronic pattern of impunity, Mexican soldiers, police and other authorities have carried out or failed to properly investigate thousands of "enforced disappearances" of Mexican citizens during the past five years of gangland violence, according to the United Nations commission." Ariel Duritsky, a University of Texas law professor and commission member, is leading the call to protect the human rights of drug cartel assassins.

As reported by the Houston Chronicle, "an Argentine human rights expert, Dulitsky was with a five-member "working group" that spent 12 days last March investigating such disappearances in southern Mexico and near the Texas border. The group's report was finished in December and formerly presented Wednesday to Mexican officials and human rights advocates at UN offices in Mexico City."

President Felipe Calderon of Mexico deployed approximately 60,000 troops to spearhead an offensive on organized crime gangs. The UT professor is calling for "the withdrawal of military forces from public safety operations." To read the entire article from the Houston Chronicle, link here: Mcgregor@chinadaily.com.cn