

# One More Unpunished Massacre

On this past July 28th, Yuriana Armendariz and the peace movement she belongs to spoke to Mexico's Congress about the injustices of unpunished crimes and how they keep the country marginalized. Yuriana told the Congressmen about the massacre that had taken place at a small town called Creel in Chihuahua, Mexico. Thirteen people, including Yuriana's only brother, six students, six workers, and an infant were brutally killed by a group of hired assassins. Before the incident took place, the local police had been advised of what was about to happen, but they hid themselves, leaving a free entry for the hired assassins and leaving all the innocent people defenseless.

Two weeks later, the Governor of Chihuahua went to visit Creel. The people of Creel begged for justice, security, and military corps at the entrance of the town. However, there was still no security of any kind to defend the people of Creel. The people, angry and indignant, broke out in a series of protests. Nevertheless, due to the lack of security, one of the protestors and father of one of the students killed at the massacre was assassinated a few days after protesting. This murder remains unpunished to this day.

Yuriana and other people of Creel made an entire investigation of the massacre; they discovered that the man responsible for the planning and the carrying out of the massacre was the state governor's nephew. The results of the judicial investigation were basically useless; only three were arrested, two in process of being sentenced, and one was let free for providing information.

In February, President Calderon went to visit Creel. Unfortunately, he was not only aware of the massacre, but he also refused to listen to the necessity of security of the townspeople. Yuriana and a fellow supporter once again pleaded with President Calderon and told him that they had received threats and escaped attempted attacks. They might as well have not said anything because Yuriana's supporter and the woman's son were assassinated a week later.

Unpunished crimes and massacres are not rare in Mexico. Corrupted government officials are the ones who make these unpunished crimes possible by failing to work for the peace and justice of all Mexicans. The drug war in Mexico continues to generate more and more deaths, and Mexico continues to be deeply hurt by the government's neglect.



The Pyramid of Kukulcán is the best-known construction of Chichen Itzá, an ancient Mayan city located on the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. Chichen Itzá was founded around the 6th century CE and most of its constructions were considered sacred to the Mayan people. Archeologists believe that the Pyramid of Kukulcán was built mainly for astronomical purposes; this is because during the autumn and the spring equinox the pyramid casts the shadow of a snake crawling down the pyramid. The serpent represents one of the Mayan gods, Kukulcán. Chichen Itzá is an UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.