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## ***Relatives of the 43 disappeared from Ayotzinapa ask Israel for the extradition of a wanted former official, and the Israeli embassy in Mexico City is "vandalized" (rather decorated)***

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Relatives of the 43 disappeared Ayotzinapa students and supporters demonstrated in front of the Israeli Embassy in Mexico City to demand the extradition of the former director of the ACI (Criminal Investigation Agency, the "Mexican FBI", 2013-2018), Tomás Zerón;

The Israeli ambassador: "Writing 'death to Israel' on the walls of the embassy has nothing to do with the case."



Relatives of 43 Mexican students who were kidnapped and killed in 2014 demonstrated Wednesday outside the Israeli embassy in Mexico, demanding the extradition of a former investigator wanted in connection with this case. During the demonstration, dozens of masked protesters decorated the Israeli embassy with graffiti reading "death to Israel."



Hundreds of protesters gathered outside the Israeli Embassy in Mexico City, some with photos of the missing students, others painting graffiti on the embassy walls. The families of the 43 students, who disappeared by force after being detained by municipal police eight years ago, are demanding that Israel extradite former investigator Tomás Zerón, accused of manipulating the investigation into the students' abduction.



*Tomás Zerón in 2015. Photo Tomás Bravo—Reuters*

Wanted for torture and falsification of evidence, Zerón was one of the masterminds of the state-backed version of events, presented in 2015 and rejected by the victims' families and independent experts. Zeron has lived in Israel for three years and officially applied for asylum in 2021. Despite Mexico's multiple requests, Israel continues to refuse to hand him over to justice.

"We demand from the embassy and the government of Israel a clear commitment to human rights, in accordance with international conventions on torture and enforced disappearances," the families' lawyer said, The Mexican newspaper *Reforma* reported.

Among the slogans demanding justice for the 43 families were graffiti that read "death to Israel," "death to apartheid," and "death to Zionism."

The Mexico-Israel Friendship Group denounced the vandalism committed at the Israeli embassy in the Mexican capital during the demonstration organized by the relatives of the disappeared from Ayotzinapa.

Israeli Ambassador Zvi Tal responded: "Despite the dramatic event that occurred this afternoon in front of the Israeli embassy in Mexico, we continue to firmly believe in the future of the diplomatic relations that we have celebrated for 70 years of fruitful exchanges and collaboration."

Although he expressed his condolences to the families, he did not say whether Zerón would be repatriated, but told the protesters: "It is clear to us that the violence shown

during the demonstration in which they left the walls of our headquarters painted with offensive graffiti, here it says 'death to Israel', has no relation to the Ayotzinapa case."

A spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry told *Haaretz* on Thursday: "We can confirm the chain of events, and we take it very seriously. We expect the Mexican government to comply with its international obligations, and we will communicate this directly to the Mexican ambassador when we convene it."

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According to a recent report by *Reforma* magazine, Mexican authorities believe it would be easier to reach an agreement with Zerón than to try to convince the Israeli government to extradite him.

Zerón is also wanted for questioning over his role in negotiating a deal for Mexico to buy the Pegasus spyware from Israeli company NSO Group\*. The current Mexican president, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, claims that Zerón promoted the purchase and signed the corresponding contracts, although no legal action has yet been taken and he is only sought to question him as a witness.

Translator's note:

*\*Tomás Zerón de Lucio is suspected of having organized the purchase by the ACI of 500 licenses of the Pegasus spyware for 32 million dollars, paid to NSO in the Israeli bank Leumi, using a series of front companies as intermediaries and overloading the purchase (64,000 dollars per license, when the usual price was 25,000 dollars), which would have allowed Zerón and other corrupt Mexican officials to be paid juicy bribes.*



Relatives of students who disappeared in Iguala in 2014 and students protest outside the Israeli embassy in Mexico City on Wednesday. Credit: CLAUDIO CRUZ – AFP

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