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Imminent risk to the life and physical and psychological integrity of the Civil Society of Las Abejas de Acteal and the Tsotsil population of the region.

Today we received information from residents of the municipality of Pantelhó, in which they informed us of the high risk to life and threats they have received from organized crime in the municipality of Pantelhó, Chiapas, including members of the Las Abejas de Acteal Civil Society.

Since yesterday, there have been armed confrontations on the border of Pantelhó and Chenalhó, Chiapas between a group that organized to defend the people from organized crime. Different local and national media have distorted the information about the events of the last few hours, criminalizing the group that defends the people, called "Los Ciriles" by the press, which has reacted to defend and protect the integrity of the families. [Click here for more information.](#)

New information indicates that organized crime is located approximately 2 kilometers from the headquarters of Las Abejas de Acteal; at this moment there are 120 displaced members of this peaceful organization who are taking refuge in La Casa de la Memoria y La Esperanza due to the imminent risk of an armed attack. 6 families, approximately 27 people from Las Abejas have decided to stay in the municipality of Pantelhó.

The Mexican State has ignored them, tolerating and allowing the actions of organized crime, which has led to an escalation of violence, putting the lives and integrity of the people at risk and leaving the criminal group unpunished.

We demand immediate action by the authorities responsible for safeguarding the security of the communities involved.

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