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Father of one of the 43 protests in New York Court, for the Cienfuegos case

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Antonio Tizapa and New York activists stood in front of the headquarters of the Eastern District Court with the images of the missing students and another with that of the former Secretary of National Defense, Salvador Cienfuegos, demanding that he be prosecuted for serious human rights violations. (Photo: Jesús Saavedra)

Antonio Tizapa demanded that the former secretary of National Defense be investigated for the disappearance of the normalistas from Ayotzinapa, in Iguala and other human rights violations in Mexico

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The father of one of the 43 normalistas from Ayotzinapa who disappeared in Iguala more than 6 years ago, Antonio Tizapa, protested in front of the Eastern District Court in Brooklyn, New York, where he demanded that the former Secretary of National Defense, Salvador Cienfuegos Zepeda, is investigated for links with organized crime and for his role in the forced disappearance of the students.

Antonio Tizapa and other New York activists who belong to the organization 'Running for Ayotzinapa 43,' stood in front of the sidewalk where the headquarters of the Eastern Dis-

trict Court is located and placed four canvases with the images of the missing students and another with the image of the former Secretary of National Defense, to demand that he be prosecuted for serious human rights violations in our country.

They also placed flags of Mexico and with the legend of the 43 and their images, and before the release of Cienfuegos Zepeda, they denounced that in Mexico "the crimes that he has committed will remain unpunished."

Antonio Tizapa pointed out that the former head of the Sedena was an official "who supposedly took care of the people, the DEA (United States anti-drug agency) investigated him for 10 years and concluded that he was involved with organized crime and now he is free of charges. It is a joke what they are doing."

He affirmed that General Cienfuegos Zepeda "is implicated in serious human rights violations, 43 students disappeared, 3 students were killed, 3 civilians were killed on the night of September 26, 2014 and he has a lot to do with this case."

He added that he was also the head of the Army when 20 civilians were killed in Tlatlaya, in the State of Mexico, where the military set up a scenario to justify those deaths and argued that it was a confrontation and it was not.

The father of the disappeared teacher Jorge Antonio Tizapa Legideño, considered that the liberation of Salvador Cienfuegos exhibits "a pact of impunity, because in Mexico they will not prosecute him for organized crime and even less for serious human rights violations, while we are still here at 6 years and a month demanding justice to know where our children are".

He regretted that in the case there is no high-level official detained from the previous six-year term, because "Jesús Murillo Karam and Tomás Zerón de Lucio are fugitives from justice. They deceived us with their historical truth and now they must answer," he added.

This Wednesday, Judge Carol Bagley Amon, of the Eastern District Court in Brooklyn, granted the annulment of the charges that the United States Department of Justice brought against General Cienfuegos Zepeda for drug trafficking and money laundering, for which the the former Secretary of Defense was immediately released and repatriated to Mexico.

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