

Increasing protests and the annual teachers strike in the south-eastern Mexican city of Oaxaca became the largest popular rebellions in over a decade. Then hundreds of illegal detentions, disappearances and injuries, and at least eighteen documented deaths followed.

In Oaxaca, a broad-based movement to unseat a unpopular and corrupt governor turned into a grassroots uprising for direct democracy. For months, hundreds of residents in the half million strong city and surrounding areas took part in and maintained more than 1,000 street barricades, protest camps, occupations of government buildings as well as the literal takeover of mainstream media outlets. Mexico's federal government later sent in thousands of militarized police to crack down on the popular uprising and prop up the regime of the status quo. Taking part in all of these events has been a lively independent media movement . . .

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