



JUSTICIA PARA NUESTRAS HIJAS, A.C.  
AMIGOS DE LAS MUJERES DE JUAREZ.

**CAMPAIGN FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE  
IT'S NOT A MYTH**

**TODAY, GLORIA IRENE TARANGO,  
YESTERDAY PALOMA ANGELICA ESCOBAR LEDEZMA  
IN MEMORY OF HER BIRTHDAY  
AND ANGEL ATAYDE ARCE, SON OF SILVIA ARCE, ALSO DEMAND JUSTICE**

1) UNA MAS IDENTIFICADA EN CHIHUAHUA.

**GLORIA IRENE TARANGO**

What pain, what sadness, seized me when three days passed and you had not returned. ¿??? From this moment, it was an intense road. I looked for you all over the city and no one gave a reason but I had a foreboding that something serious had happened because you never were separated from your family without having communication.

Angelina Tarango

On July 12, 2004, Gloria Irene Tarango disappeared. She was a young woman, 27 years old, a single mother with two sons. Since then, her mother and her sisters dedicated themselves to look for her and file a report with the authorities, who, instead of initiating a rapid and efficient investigation were negligent in their duties. It was known to these authorities that the remains of Gloria were found in August of the same year, nevertheless they made no effort to identify the remains.

It was only thanks to the intervention of the Argentinean Forensic Anthropology team, who made the identification in March this year, citing in their report, a series of inconsistencies and irregularities by the public servants.

We know that the case of Gloria is added to a long list of names of women that had a story, a life, dreams and above all, the right to live without violence, a right that was not respected by the government of Chihuahua.

**2) BIRTHDAY OF PALOMA ANGELICA ESCOBAR LEDEZMA**

*I know that you are not here but also that you have not gone.. Criminal hands robbed you of your hopes and dreams, you love for life and for justice. Your innocent blood was spilled in the desert of Chihuahua, destroying your body but never your spirit.*

*Norma Ledezma*

This 17th of June, you would have lived 20 years and would be here with us, following your dreams, however, today we have only your energy filling the hearts of your parents, who struggled since March 2, 2002 to achieve an efficient missing persons investigation. Instead we received questions on the conduct of our daughter and finally, on March 29, 2006, your body was found. The strength of your parents

### **3) ANGEL ATAYDE ARCE, died without having recieved justice for his mother Silvia Arce.**

Angel Atayde Arce, died June 12, 2006, without knowing the whereabouts of his mother, Silvia Arce who disappeared March 11, 1998 from Ciudad Juárez and regretfully in spite of knowing those likely responsible for the disappearance, there have not been any progress that would permit us know what happened to her. Eva Arce is one of the mothers that has struggled incessantly to obtain justice, has been threatened and accused. The death of her grandson must be investigated to determine if it is linked to the disappearance of Silvia.

All these women and now Angel Ataide, make us scream to the World – **IT'S NOT A MYTH.**

Because of this, Justicia Para Nuestras Hijas, again raises their voice against impunity and injustice, showing our indignation in front of the voices that persist in claiming that femicide is a myth. That our daughters never existed, that the families lie, that negligence and corruption are appropriate to justice and that we ourselves provoked the murder or disappearance of our daughters still we don't have any of those responsible in jail.

It seems to us that it is indignant and shameful to say, as has this campaign, to justify the lack of efficiency of the government with the argument that "in other states there are more murders". We condemn the proliferation of the crime of femicide in the majority of states, which is why our demand for justice extends to all the cases of murdered women that remain unsolved, no matter what the cause may be, no matter in what state it took place. This is a national tragedy. We think that there can be no excuse to take away from the importance of the cases of Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua.

The national and international organizations of civil society that work on the problem of the murders and disappearances of women and children in Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua, fully agree that it is necessary to clean up the image of Ciudad Juárez, but we believe that this will only be achieved if the problem is recognized and serious, competent and rapid investigations in which the causes are determined, those directly and indirectly responsible for the murders and disappearances for the last 13 years are punished quickly when the causes are determined, that adequate reparations for the damages caused are given and that structural changes are instituted that will hinder the reoccurrences of the crimes, like those established in different recommendations by international organizations such as the Organization of American States and the United Nations.

We call for civility of those who decided to begin the cited campaign to build together a new image of Ciudad Juárez, an image that includes the possibility of granting its inhabitants security of their persons and their belongings; an image that demonstrates the world that in Juárez Y Chihuahua it is possible to live in peace, cleanly, with truth and justice and punishment for the guilty ones.

We demand:

- 1) A public apology from those who defamed us and disparaged our struggle.
- 2) The presence of specialized, independent investigators who take into account a gendered perspective and consider human rights, that can analyze the case records of the femicides and disappearances.
- 3) Sanction of all the public servants who were negligent and covered up or provoked impunity.
- 4) Implementation of campaigns to prevent violence against women and for urgent investigation of the disappeared.

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NOT ONE MORE DEAD  
JUSTICE FOR OUR DAUGHTERS**