



Centro de Derechos Humanos  
**Fray Bartolomé de Las Casas, AC**



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**Harassment Continues Against Diego Cadenas  
Director of this Human Rights Center**

Today, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 3:15pm, Diego Cadenas Gordillo, director of this Human Rights Center, was driving his vehicle on the way to his house in this city. He encountered a pickup truck parked on the opposite side of the street and noticed that the lens of a photographic camera was sticking out of the driver's side, focused on him. Seconds after passing the truck, he heard that the camera was activated on two occasions.

Upon slowing down, Diego took note of the characteristics of the truck through the side view mirror of his vehicle. It was a grey-silver colored Ford Ranger, without license plates. Inside there were two males wearing hats. After they took the photographs they immediately pulled away and left.

The attitude of the occupants of the car was quite evident, since at no time did they hide the camera nor attempt to be discrete in their action. This was a clear signal indicating to Diego that he is being watched.

We remember that this Center denounced acts of monitoring and surveillance beginning on June 14<sup>th</sup> against Diego Cadenas, like those against Jorge Armando Gómez and the facilities of this Human Rights Center, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of this month.

This Center reiterates its denouncement, and holds the state and federal governments responsible for any acts which put personal integrity and security, such as the life of the members of this Human Rights Center, at risk.

The staff who work together at the Fray Bartolomé de las Casas Human Rights Center will continue individually and collectively promoting and defending human rights and the fundamental liberties of indigenous peoples, and supporting the victims of human rights violations.

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