

Account of the Defense of the University Radio Station in Oaxaca City, November 2, 2006

13:39: They're attacking again. Direct engagement. The University zone UABJO. The resistance continues. Water with acid. PRI death squads. Paramilitaries. Two new helicopters have just arrived. Reinforcements: don't even try it – seasoned Oaxacans won't let you.

Oaxacan strategy: go up to the Federal Police (PFP). Surround them, show them that the whole community is in the struggle. Now we're pushing back the PFP. It's war.

In the Periférico neighbourhood there is fighting.

It's announced that a hercules helicopter has just arrived. At the crossroads of Cinco Señores they have pushed back the PFP. From the West side a march is approaching. The tanks are returning to the University zone after a momentary retreat: they only went to load up with more water laced with acid. Serious wounded in the University zone.

13:45: In the neighbourhood Colón y Periférico there is a clash between Oaxacans and the forces of occupation. They detained one man and took him in a van. They continue the violations of our constitutional "guarantees." The respectable people of our public institutions are attacking our people, the most important institution.

Oaxaca resists heroically. The Ministerial Police entered the Institute of Science and Education (ICE) at the university. They go dressed in grey.

The Rector of the university, fittingly, puts himself at the front of the resistance in the University zone. Javier Barros Sierra returns. Again, history repeats itself...

13:53: They are planting weapons in the ICE.

The injuries keep coming with no ambulance. Head trauma.

Now the people have put two tanks out of commission since they were used for the repression of Oaxaca.

Diego Nicolás Hernández López, 21 years old, they took him in a Suburban.

14:00: They are asking for the reorganization of the people to prevent mass detentions.

It continues without the arrival of an ambulance.

Entrance to the neighbourhood of Cinco Señores. Helicopters continue to do flyovers, the tanks continue to roll forward against the people. The people fall back.

14:06: It's decided to get a wounded man out, the Red Cross never came.

Chedrahui (a huge supermarket chain) supplies t-shirts to the Ministerial Police as uniforms for this operation.

14:10: In Prolongación La Noria, the PFP advance.

Call to the university members of México: always defend your autonomy, your alma mater.

In a pickup they took off an injured man; there is no certainty over the security in the hospitals.

They are shooting tear gas on Avenida Ferrocarril. They are throwing grenades into houses: there are children and elderly inside. Avenida Ferrocarril of Cinco Señores, "all to defend an assassin."

14:19: Patrol 09034. Going to the airport with detainees. A call to detain the patrol is made.

14:22: They are setting fire to a tank in the gas station of Cinco Señores. The people are more angry than ever, you can feel the sense of indignation.

The fall of Calderón is proclaimed (before he takes on the position as president).

14:27: the people are fighting back: Students, teachers, members of the university, women, children, they're pushing back the PFP.

14:30: an ultimatum is given to the PFP to ask them to leave Oaxaca.

14:49: triumph of the people over the PFP in Cinco Señores.

14:52: Many wounded on Avenida Universidad and Cinco Señores.

14:54: the complete removal of the PFP to the airport is announced. There are worries that the military will intervene.

The report ends here for the moment.