**Military Police profile COFADEH vigil**

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**Tegucigalpa. On Friday, May 4th 2018 military police burst into the** Plaza La Merced with cameras and an intimidating attitude.

For 36 years the families of those who have been forcibly disappeared for political reasons gather in this Plaza, on the first Friday of every month, to carry out a symbolic vigil of historic memory.

Nohemy Pérez, sister of Samuel Pérez a student who was forcibly disappeared in 1982, was participating in the vigil and denounced the presence of uniformed agents who took photographs without permission.

“We were alerted that people known to have participated in the protests against the government are here” one of the four police agents that arrived on motorcycles told Pérez.

On Tuesday, Cofadeh, along with all of the non-governmental human rights organizations, participated in a peaceful demonstration commemorating May 1st that was violently repressed by the dictator after infiltrators carried out illegal actions which the anti-riot police permitted.

“Before they left I demanded that the police erase the photographs they had taken without permission because we know that photographs registered with the police are used to profile future victims for summary executions or criminalization campaigns via the communication networks at the service of the regime” explained Nohemy as she defended the 20 family members of victims who were present in the vigil of remembrance.

“We are part of the landscape of the historic center Tegucigalpa, where we have always demanded truth and justice for the civilians, police and military responsible for the forced disappearance of our loved ones,” said the human rights defender, member of Cofadeh.

“But they told me they could not erase the photographs because they were orders from their superiors” she underscored.

This afternoon Bertha Oliva, coordinator of Cofadeh, promised to open the session of her meeting with United Nations Special Rapporteur for human rights defenders with this denunciation.