

Zapatistas Give Reasons for Red Alert

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To the People of Mexico:
To the Peoples of the World:

Brothers and Sisters:

First - As has been made public, starting June 19, 2005, the Zapatista Army of National Liberation established the general Red Alert in rebel territory.

The reason for this general Red Alert is that the Clandestine Revolutionary Indigenous Committee - General Command of the EZLN has called to *consulta* their insurgent troops, all their *comandantes* and *comandantas*, regional and local *responsables* and their support bases.

This Red Alert is a precautionary defensive measure. As you will recall, in February of 1995, while the EZLN was carrying out an internal *consulta*, it was attacked by government forces. At that time the betrayal was carried out by Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León (then the head of the federal executive and today employed by transnational companies) and Esteban Moctezuma Barragán (then the Secretary of Government and today employed by Salinas Pliego).

Second - During this internal *consulta*...

- The EZLN leadership is recognizing the sacrifice, willingness and heroism of their support bases, *responsables* and activists, and of the *insurgentes* and *insurgentas*, for these almost 12 years of war and resistance. All the good that we have done and achieved has been by them. The Zapatista leadership has been exclusively responsible for errors that have been committed.

- The CCRI-CG of the EZLN is presenting its members with an assessment of the stage our organization is in and an analysis of the current national situation. They are also proposing to their support bases - who make up the supreme command of our movement - a new step in the struggle, a step which entails, among other things, risking the much or little which has been achieved and worsening the persecution and harassment of the Zapatista communities.

- Through this means, by speaking to its members, the EZLN is returning the word it gave on the first of January of 1994. All Zapatistas are now morally free to continue with the EZLN, or not, in the next step which is being consulted upon, if it is approved by the majority.

Third - When this internal *consulta* is concluded, we shall inform national and international public opinion of the results.

Democracy!
Liberty!
Justice!

From the Mountains of the Mexican Southeast.

By the Clandestine Revolutionary Indigenous Committee - General Command of the Zapatista Army of National Liberation.

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Mexico, in the sixth month of the year 2005.