

Honduran kidnappings fewer in 2010

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Honduran police have rescued 53% of kidnapping victims this year and the total number of kidnappings in the country in the first five months of 2010 dropped 12% to 36 compared with the same period of 2009. Of these 36, 19 have been freed by the Special Anti-Kidnapping Group (GEAS), ransom was paid in the cases, and four have died at the hands of their kidnapers. In 2009, 48 of 117 victims were liberated by police. (May 2010)