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Issue: Eradicating Mexico's drug cartels

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## **I: INTRODUCTION**

Mexico's drug cartels seem to be at war wherever there's money to be made. Sophisticated and deadly, these drug armies have spread their dastardly trade throughout Mexico and into many other countries in Latin America. Incredibly ruthless and vengeful, the cartels' paramilitary units kill tens of thousands of people each year, while controlling much of the world's supply of cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and marijuana, generating an estimated \$40 billion per year in profits. The tentacles of the cartels have also reached into the United States, where they control as much as 70 per cent of the drug trafficking. If a country with the resources of the U.S. can't eliminate the cartels or at least reduce their strength significantly, what can be done about them?

## **II: DEFINITION OF KEY TERMS**

- **Drug Cartel:** A **drug cartel** is any criminal organization with the intention of supplying drug trafficking operations. They range from loosely managed agreements among various drug traffickers to formalized commercial enterprises.
- **Narcotics:** A drug or other substance affecting mood or behavior and sold for nonmedical purposes, especially an illegal one.

## **III: HISTORY**

The Godfather of Mexico's drug cartels is former Mexican police agent Miguel Angel Felix Gallardo, who controlled Mexico's drug trade in the 1980s. Then, in an effort to decentralize his operation and make it less vulnerable, Gallardo assigned the drug trafficking operations of certain regions of the country to various Mexican crime families. But by the late 1980s, this Mexican Mafia eventually became the infamous drug cartels, which fought tooth and nail against anyone or anything aligned against them. Soon, as profits ballooned, they began fighting among themselves as well.

#### **IV: KEY ISSUES**

- **Mexico's and other countries economy losing it's economical values.**
- **Illegal Monopolies**
- **Control of Government**

Mexico is a very nice country, with good places to visit, but it has a very **corruptible government**. The ways cartels get to distribute their drugs are by buying the policeman's or the police in general, so that they don;t get checked.

Doing this includes and starts **monopolies**. It's a bad thing because the cartels gain total control on something, for example a store or a merchandise or a public transport company.

#### **V: MAJOR PARTIES INVOLVED**

- **Mexico**
- **The United States of America**
- **The Sinaloa Cartel**

The Sinaloa Cartel is the single largest and most powerful drug trafficking organization in the Western hemisphere. The Sinaloa is not a single hierarchical organization. Instead, it functions more as a confederacy of groups that are connected through blood, marriage, and regional relationships. In 2008, the Beltran Leyva Organization (BLO), once a core component of the cartel, split from the group and began to wage war against it. And in 2014, Chapo Guzman, the group's multibillionaire architect and a criminal business visionary, was finally arrested in the coastal resort city of Mazatlan. However, the Sinaloa made new alliances and continued to expand. Today, the Sinaloa are active in 17 Mexican states and throughout the US. They have connections that stretch to Australia as well. The Sinaloa's success is allegedly due in part to the organization's history of preferential treatment at the hands of US's Drug Enforcement Administration and the Mexicans, who are accused of using the Sinaloa as a source of information or (even as a hands-off means of enforcement) against other, less pliable cartels.



- **The Juarez Cartel**

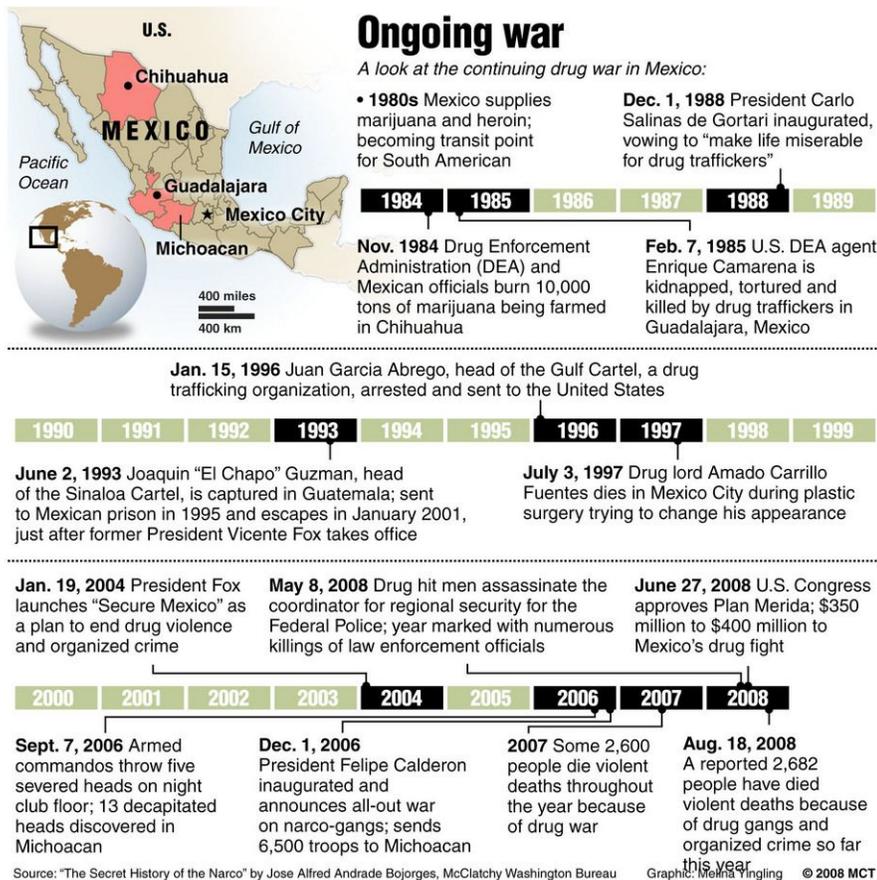
The Juarez Cartel is one of the oldest surviving drug trafficking organizations in Mexico, with its roots reaching back to the 1980s. The group began its narcotics activities before moving into human trafficking, kidnapping, and extortion. The wealth of the cartel was largely due to its control of the crucial border city of Juarez, a strategic trafficking corridor into the US. Originally one of the most powerful cartels in Mexico, it began fighting the Sinaloa in 2004. Ciudad Juarez became the murder capital of the world for three years straight, before the city's drug trade ultimately came under control of the Sinaloa. The loss of the cartel's home city, coupled with an outdated business model, led to the group's demise.

- **Los Zetas**

Los Zetas are known as being amongst the most brutal of all the criminal groups in Mexico. The organization's origins go back to the late 1990s as the elite private security apparatus of the Gulf Cartel. In an effort to outdo their rivals, the Gulf Cartel formed the Zetas out of a core of at least 31 deserters of the Mexican Special Forces. The formal military training of the early Zetas, along with their penchant for committing bloody and audacious acts such as beheadings and petrol bomb attacks, have led the DEA and the Mexican authorities to declare the Zetas to be their No. 1 enemy within Mexico. In 2010, following the arrests and death of Zetas and Gulf Cartel leaders, the Zetas violently split from the Gulf Cartel, of which they had previously served as a military wing. The Zetas followed the split with a string of high-profile attacks against DEA and US immigration agents.



## VI: TIMELINE



## **VIII: POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS**

There have been many attempts at stopping major drug cartel kingpins or even at trying to destroy a drug cartel but most of these attempts have fallen to shambles due to the elusive style of escape artists such as El Chapo. El Chapo, also known as Joaquín Archivaldo Guzmán Loera, born 25 December 1954 or 4 April 1957, is a Mexican drug lord who heads the Sinaloa Cartel. There have been many attempts to capture El Chapo and he has escaped from prison many times before until this year. El Chapo was found in one of his safe houses in Los Mochis (El Chapo's hometown). Five people were wounded and the Mexican army managed to trap him in a motel room. Drug Lords such as El Chapo should be eradicated and keeping an eye on him for multiple years gives authorities an advantage over finding drug lords such as El Chapo. Authorities have also tried to intervene in large drug deals and have captured more than 40 kilograms of cocaine. Methods such as these can aid countries to eradicate drug lords and cartels such as Los Zetas.

- Aid from UN countries for the supplies to trap and capture drug lords.
- Cooperation of anti-terrorist countries to become allies against the forum.

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## **I: INTRODUCTION**

Fighting for Allah is what they say. They think kidnapping girls and killing people is ok, just because they think they have the **moral authority** to do so. This group is called Boko Haram, and like all the other **terrorist / extremist** groups they terrorize people so they can follow the Quran word by word. The special thing about Boko Haram is they started in North of Nigeria and are currently extending their attacks and kidnappings in Chad and North Cameroon. Can we stop this group who preys on girls and people's rights.

## **II: DEFINITION OF KEY TERMS**

**Moral Authority:** Thinks they have god's will or they think that they know what is good/right/Truth.

**terrorist :** Someone who uses terror to imply or to impose apply his/her/its ideology.

**extremist:** Someone who has extreme methods to apply his/her/its ideology.

**Corruption:** The idea of choosing to do something for money and/ or personal desire over what is actually right for something.

**Corrupted Government:** A government with corrupted people; politicians who choose money and personal privileges over the well being of the country.

### III: HISTORY

(EXPLAIN THE HISTORY OF, OR PEOPLE, EVOLUTION OF BOKO HARAM , ETC.)



### IV: KEY ISSUES

(EXPLAIN THE KEY PROBLEMS THAT ARE CAUSED BY BOKO HARAM)

- **They corrupt politicians and people in the government.**
- **Kill and kidnap masses of people**
- **Has big effect on economy.**

Boko Haram takes advantage of Nigeria's corruptible government to do what they do. In Nigeria, if you have a lot of money you can get away with anything. This is the problem which needs to be resolved. A lot of developing countries have corruptible governments and they need to be checked by the UN.

They also **kill large masses of people** in a very painful way. They try to terrorize the whole world by killing a lot of people and taking videos of it . Like other terrorist groups they are merciless for christians and to muslims too. Killing a human goes against his/her **inalienable rights**. Burning 86 people alive is definitely going against that.

### V: MAJOR PARTIES INVOLVED

**Allies:**

- ISIS
- Al Qaeda
- Abubakar Shekau (leader)
- Somali group Al Shabaab

## Enemies:

- UN
- USA
- Europe
- Any other religion
- Muslims
- Other African Countries

## VI: TIMELINE

### Terror group Boko Haram torments Nigeria

Since 2009, the Islamic terror group Boko Haram, which violently opposes Western-style education, has waged a campaign of bombings and mass killings across northeast Nigeria. They have claimed responsibility for abducting about 275 teenage schoolgirls from Chibok, Nigeria, April 14.

• 2009 Founding leader Mohammed Yusuf killed while in police custody; he is succeeded by Abubakar Shekau

#### Major attacks

1. Dec. 2010 Militants bomb Jos, killing 80
2. Aug. 2011 Suicide bombing at U.N. building in Abuja kills at least 21
- Dec. 25, 2011 Bomb attacks kill dozens at multiple sites
3. Jan. 2012 More than 180 killed in bombing attacks in Kano
4. June 17, 2012 More than 150 corpses found in two mostly deserted villages in the Barkin Ladi area of Plateau state, attributed to Boko Haram
5. Oct. 3, 2012 Gunmen kill at least 46 people, mostly students, at Federal Polytechnic in Mubi, Adamawa state
6. March 18, 2013 Suicide bomb attack is aimed at Christian students waiting for buses in Kano
7. May 7, 2013 At least 55 killed in attacks on barracks, a prison and police post in Bama
8. July 6, 2013 Gunmen kill 42 people, mostly students, in an attack on a secondary school in



## VII: EVALUATION OF PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS

(WHAT HAS NIGERIA, CAMEROON, CHAD AND UN DONE TO FIX THE PROBLEM/SAY IF WORKED OR NOT)

They have sent numerous troops to help fight boko haram. Eg. in when Boko Haram tried getting control of the North of Cameroon, the military pushed them back to Nigeria. Now there are more checks when traveling. Nigeria supposedly having the biggest army in west Africa had some struggle pushing them back but managed to do it here and there. Much of this success has been attributed to President Buhari, a former army general, and his crackdown on **corrupt military officials**. The formation of a stronger regional coalition has also helped push back the militants.

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