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Foreign Press Chatter

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The LA Times reported Wednesday that two Morena governors, Alfonso Durazo (Sonora) and Américo Villarreal (Tamaulipas), have had their US visas revoked and are under investigation for ties to organized crime. Sheinbaum – who had given a fiery nationalist speech on Sunday attacking US interventionism and defending Mexico's sovereignty - said the governors must answer for themselves (both have denied wrongdoing) while also asserting again the moves are part of a broader campaign against Morena.

The New York Times published an opinion piece by analyst Carlos Bravo Regidor arguing that the indictment of Rocha Moya has put Sheinbaum in an "impossible dilemma" and has also given her an opportunity to utilise US pressure to confront criminal governance. Mr. Bravo's column is surprisingly diplomatic in parts: namely the line that Rocha's case only "hints at the possibility" that cartel power may have contaminated the ranks of Mexico's governing party. Indeed. It may also have been somewhat overtaken by events. After Sheinbaum's Sunday speech and AMLO's subsequent letter, it seems increasingly clear which course she has chosen: to dig in, frame the issue as sovereignty, and resist what she presents as US meddling. The question now at this point is perhaps less what Sheinbaum will do, and more what Washington does in response.

In economic news, Bloomberg reported on the continued decline of investment in Mexico, but also on growing private capital interest in the Sheinbaum administration's energy projects. One US energy executive noted a new "openness and receptiveness toward the private sector," with his industry now "cautiously bullish" on Mexico. Bloomberg also profiles Fibra SOMA, the high-end real estate trust that among other luxury properties oversees Soho House CDMX, and shortly will be finishing another Soho House in Cabo San Lucas.

The World Cup countdown generated substantial foreign coverage. In Mexico City, CNTE teachers' union protesters vandalised World Cup statues and snarled traffic; Sheinbaum donated her opening game ticket to a 21-year-old female football player from Veracruz; and the underground resale market for premium seats at the CDMX stadium (which are privately owned) is reportedly bringing in millions of pesos. Guadalajara — capital of the "birthplace of tequila" and home turf of the CJNG — also drew attention, with Bloomberg profiling crime in the city (considered unlikely to affect tourists), and a more in-depth story by guest reporter Stephen Woodman for CrashOut Media.

In crime news, The Guardian examined the ongoing extortion crisis, and a drug trafficking tunnel was discovered beneath a retail storefront in San Diego. Bloomberg also covered the arrest of the mayor of Cuautla, the latest in the "Enjambre" operation, which has netted more than 85 officials since 2024, many on extortion charges.

On the cultural front, the LA Times covered a sold-out LALIFF screening of a documentary about a Palestinian-Mexican family, with Mexican-American actress and Palestinian rights activist Melissa Barrera as executive producer. The paper also reviewed Diego Luna's new film *Mexico '86*, described as "acidly humorous," which premieres today on Netflix.

Notable blogs in English on Mexico

As previously mentioned, reporter Stephen Woodman wrote for CrashOut Media this week about the history of Guadalajara as a crime hub, and how families of missing people hope to utilise the World Cup to bring attention to their plight. In the context of what looks like a right-wing victory in Colombia, The Mexico Political Economist published an excerpt from the director's book about the Mexican right and how it has missed out on the regional trend. And Miranda Intelligence's daily Substack covered key developments in energy, fintech, public affairs and politics in Mexico.

Top stories on Mexico

US Is Investigating Two More Mexican Governors for Connections to Cartels

03/06/2026, Los Angeles Times, Steve Fisher and Kate Linthicum

AMLO Breaks Silence to Back Sheinbaum Amid Tensions With US

03/06/2026, Bloomberg, Valentine Hilaire and Gonzalo Soto

Sheinbaum Can't Put This Off Anymore

05/06/2026, NYT, Carlos Bravo Regidor

Sheinbaum accuses the U.S. of meddling in Mexican affairs

03/06/2026, Los Angeles Times, Kate Linthicum and Steve Fisher

Sheinbaum tells US envoy to keep out of Mexican politics after drug-trade post

02/06/2026, The Guardian, Oscar Lopez

Trump Begins Rebuilding His Tariff Wall, Citing Forced Labor

03/06/2026, Bloomberg, Alicia Diaz and Jennifer A Dlouhy

Mexico Investment Extends One of Longest Slumps in Decades

04/06/2026, Bloomberg, Alex Vasquez and Gonzalo Soto

Sheinbaum Leans on Private Investors to Fix Beleaguered Grid

02/06/2026, Bloomberg, Scott Squires

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Fibra SOMA plans acquisitions, dividends

05/06/2026 Bloomberg, Valentine Hilaire, Kelsey Butler

Protests and last-minute construction work disrupt Mexico City ahead of World Cup

03/06/2026, Reuters, Diego Oré and Alberto Fajardo

World Cup Revelry Hides Security Crisis in Birthplace of Tequila

04/06/2026, Bloomberg, Maya Averbuch

Mexican Teachers Threaten to Disrupt World Cup Over Wages

02/06/2026, Bloomberg, Alex Vasquez

World Cup Suites in Mexico City Go for Millions in Secret Secondary Market

30/05/2026, Bloomberg, Andrea Navarro

Mexico President Claudia Sheinbaum Gifts Her World Cup Ticket to Indigenous Athlete

29/05/2026, AP News, Fabiola Sánchez

A Football League Plays in an Extinct Volcano Crater, Fiercely Guarding Its 'Field of the Gods'
29/05/2026, AP News, Carlos Rodríguez

Aguirre Puts Faith in a New Generation as Mexico Seeks World Cup Redemption

01/06/2026, AP News, Carlos Rodríguez

Kidnappings, threats and ‘protection fees’: how can Mexico confront rise in deadly extortion?

03/06/2026, The Guardian, Oscar Lopez

Flesh-eating screwworm confirmed in Texas calf as parasite crosses border from Mexico

03/06/2026, Reuters, Cassandra Garrison, Heather Schlitz and Tom Polansek

Mexico Mayor Arrested as Extortion Crackdown Continues

30/05/2026, Bloomberg, Maya Averbuch and Carolina Gonzalez

One-ton cocaine bust reveals secret US-Mexico tunnel

02/06/2026, The Guardian, Roque Planas

Palestinian Mexican doc ‘Traces of Home’ was so moving Melissa Barrera had to get involved

01/06/2026, Los Angeles Times, Carlos De Loera

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Mexico 86 is Diego Luna's love letter to the beautiful-game

04/06/2026, LA Times, Carlos Aguilar

Mexican Designer Blends Soccer and Pre-Hispanic Culture Ahead of the World Cup

31/05/2026, AP News, María Teresa Hernández

Pope names Mexican-American broadcasting executive to lead Vatican communications
02/06/2026, AP News, Staff

Notable blogs in English on Mexico

- Crashout Media – Guadalajara World Cup Venue: City of Culture; Capital of Organized Crime
- MXPE - Mexico may soon stand alone as America's only left-wing power. Where's the Mexican right?
- Miranda Intelligence daily reports on Substack

Photo of the Week



Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum, right, and amateur soccer player Yolett Cervantes reach to catch a soccer ball during a ceremony distributing tickets to the opening match of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, at the president's daily news conference at the National Palace in Mexico City, Friday, May 29, 2026. (AP Photo/Fernando Llano)