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Regarding the news about an alleged Mexican cartel operating in Kenya the Embassy of Mexico offers the following deemed to be of public interest:

Since the beginning of the current administration the Government of Mexico has worked on and achieved results in security matters. Some of those results are the following:

- Seizure of 6,998 firearms, 75% of which come from the United States.
- Seizure of 121.4 tons of drugs, including 1,260 kilograms of fentanyl and 1,332,126 fentanyl pills.
- Dismantling of 329 clandestine methamphetamine laboratories.
- Seizure of a record 26.4 tons of cocaine in maritime operations.
- 13,858 people have been detained for high-impact crimes.
- Recently extradited 29 individuals charged with serious crimes related to violence and drug trafficking to the United States, enhancing security for both countries.

This has reduced intentional homicides by 15% in our country between October 2024 and February 2025.

In the case of fentanyl trafficking, according to data from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) itself, U.S. seizures of fentanyl originating in Mexico fell by 50% from October 2024 to January 2025.

CBP data from 2024 published by the Cato Institute in Washington shows that 80 percent of those detained at U.S. ports of entry for fentanyl trafficking between 2019 and 2024 were American citizens. Even the U.S. Sentencing Commission reports that 81.9% of those prosecuted for drug trafficking are American.

In addition, on January 8, the U.S. Department of Justice recognized the serious problem of arms trafficking from the United States to Mexico, with 74% of high-powered weapons seized in Mexico illegally coming from the U.S.

In regard to the alleged involvement of a Mexican national in criminal activities in Kenya the Embassy cannot comment on an ongoing trial. However, within the framework on the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, of which both Mexico and Kenya are part, the Embassy keeps providing the requested consular assistance.

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