

Five Arrested in Mexico with Military Weapons and Grenades



Mexico City, October 17 (RHC-EFE) — Federal Police arrested five men in possession of drugs and military-grade weapons in the western state of Michoacan, Mexico's National Security Commission said.

The men were pulled over while driving on the Lazaro Cardenas-Uruapan highway after police noticed they were armed, the commission said in a statement.

The suspects, who range in age from 21 to 36, were carrying cocaine, marijuana, army-issue guns and grenades, as well as ammunition. Police also impounded the suspects' vehicle, which had been reported stolen.

Federal law enforcement and military personnel have been deployed in large numbers in Michoacan since January, when Mexico's central government moved to reassert authority in the state amid conflict between the Caballeros Templarios drug cartel and local militias that arose to battle the gang.

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