

Life Expectancy Falls in Mexico Amid U.S.-Backed Drug War



Mexico City, January 8 (RHC)-- In Mexico, new data shows life expectancy rates have fallen over the last 10 years, as the rampant violence from the U.S.-backed war on drugs has outweighed a decade's worth of public health improvements.

The authors of the study published in the journal *Health Affairs* said the decline in life expectancy was directly related to the rise in homicide rate, which increased after former President Felipe Calderón decided to deploy federal forces against the narco-traffickers in 2006. The ongoing conflict has claimed more than 100,000 lives over the last decade.

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