

Guanajuato, Mexico - Gun Battle Leaves Nine Gunmen and One State Police Officer Dead, Adding Further Challenges to COVID-19 Outbreak

- A series of running gunbattles in Mexico's most violent state left nine suspected gunmen and one state police officer dead on January 11, 2021
- The shootouts in north-central Guanajuato state started before dawn near the hamlet of Santa Rosa de Lima, the stronghold of a gang of the same name
- State police, soldiers and National Guard agents rushed to respond to reports of armed men in the area, and all three forces came under fire from heavily armed assailants in vans, SUVs and pickup trucks, officials said
- Thousands have been killed in Guanajuato since Santa Rosa de Lima began a turf war to fight off a takeover by the Jalisco cartel in 2017
- Now the state is at the centre of a proxy war between drug cartels
- Late last week, nine people were killed and one wounded when gunmen opened fire at a wake in the city of Celaya, near Santa Rosa de Lima
- Along with these regular deaths from violent attacks, Mexico is also facing challenges due to the COVID-19 crisis
- As of now, the country has reported 1,556,028 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 135,682 deaths, 8.7% of total reported cases and 1,168,354 recoveries, 75.1% of the total reported cases
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 1.20% and 0.10%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the Ministry of Health (<https://www.gob.mx/salud/en>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Mexico

Source(s)

<https://www.borderreport.com/regions/mexico/running-gun-battle-in-mexico-leaves-9-gunmen-1-state-police-officer-dead/>
<https://www.outlookindia.com/newscroll/running-gun-battle-in-mexico-leaves-9-gunmen-1-police-officer-dead/2008719>

Targets Affected:

Mexico

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Travelers are advised to avoid all non-essential travel to the affected regions and pay close attention to advisories issued by the local authorities
- It is advisable to communicate to employees about the importance of avoiding all non-essential travel to affected areas
- If there is a presence of business operations, SW Subscribers are advised to ensure that Business Continuity plans and programs are commensurate with the level and types of risk exposures of this location
- Security and travel departments of third parties/captive units should consider issuing internal alerts and appropriate travel restrictions recommendations
- Employees and travelers to the region are advised to remain vigilant, maintain a low profile in crowded places and pay close attention to travel warnings and advisories issued by the local authorities
- In an event of extended risk disrupting business operations, evaluate options to migrate critical processes to nearby unaffected regions
- Determine if a strict screening process for vehicles and people entering the businesses premises are in place
- Consider implementing more detailed actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.