



What's going on Mexico?

September 28 to October 4, 2019

Relevant Events

Abortion. Hundreds of women marched in Mexico City to demand the legalization of abortion throughout the country. MORENA announced that he will submit an initiative to reform the Federal Criminal Code and the General Health Law to decriminalize the interruption of pregnancy before 12 weeks nationwide.

CoDi. The Digital Payments platform operated by the Bank of Mexico began operations this week. This allows immediate electronic transfers, 24/7, through electronic devices between individuals and commercial establishments

UNAM. The UNAM's Governing Board began the process to elect the next President for the 2019-2023 period, which must be elected before November 17. Among the candidates are the current President, Enrique Graue; Pedro Salazar, Director of the UNAM's Institute of Legal Research; and Angelica Cuellar, Director of the UNAM's Faculty of Political and Social Sciences.

Federal Congress

Labeling. The Chamber of Deputies approved reforms to the General Health Law so that processed foods and beverages include in their labeling information that allows to be identified as foods with high saturated fats, sugars, salt, sodium and calories. The bill will now be discussed under the Senate.

Hearings. As part of AMLO's First Government Report, the Secretary of Finance and Public Credit, Arturo Herrera, the Secretary of Education, Esteban Moctezuma, and the Secretary of Interior, Olga Sánchez Cordero appeared before the Senate. The Secretary of Health, Jorge Alcocer, appeared before the Public Health Committee; the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Marcelo Ebrard postponed his appearance due to personal problems.

CRE. AMLO sent to the Senate his nominees for the position of President of the Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE), after Guillermo García Alcocer submitted his resignation last June. His nominees are Alfonso López Alvarado, Leopoldo Vicente Melchi García and María del Rosío Vargas Suárez



Federal Government

UN. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Marcelo Ebrard, attended on behalf AMLO to the UN General Assembly where he stated that Mexico's government has as a priority to accelerate economic growth, reduce inequality and provide a solution for migratory flows.

Carlos Slim. AMLO met at the National Palace with a group of businessmen, leaded by Carlos Slim, to advance in the definition of joint investment projects to boost Mexican economy.

Mohar. After the medicine shortage crisis, Alejandro Mohar resigned as head of the Coordinating Commission of National Institutes of Health and High Specialty Hospitals; Gustavo Reyes Terán was appointed in his place.

Supreme Court of Justice

Medina Mora. Through a letter addressed to AMLO, Eduardo Medina Mora resigned from his position as Minister of the Supreme Court of Justice, 11 years before concluding his assignment. It is presumed that his resignation is due to investigations against him by the Financial Intelligence Unit of the Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit.

States

Guanajuato. The Ford auto agency decided to end operations in Celaya, Guanajuato, after suffering an armed attack for not agreeing to pay an extortion, leaving almost 100 people unemployed.

Nuevo León. After 76 years, the Topo Chico prison in Nuevo León closed its operation as a penitentiary center, to be converted into a public park.

Baja California. The Electoral Court confirmed that Jaime Bonilla will only serve as Governor for a two-year term, and not for five years as MORENA intended.

CDMX. Jesús Orta resigned to his position as Secretary of Citizen Security of Mexico City; instead Omar Harfush was appointed. Harfush served as head of the Investigation Police, which will now be headed by Francisco Almazán.