



# What's going on Mexico?

September 21 to 27, 2019

## Relevant Events

**Disappearance of constitutional powers.** The Government Committee at the Senate will reunite next Tuesday to review the three requests for disappearance of constitutional local powers in Guanajuato, Tamaulipas and Veracruz, the first two submitted by MORENA and the last one by the PAN.

**Education Reform.** The Senate approved the secondary laws of the education reform and sent them to the Executive branch for their publication on the Official Gazette.

**Ayotzinapa.** Five years after the disappearance of the 43 students of Ayotzinapa, their parents attended the Chamber of Deputies to demand that the government should clarify what happened.

**Murillo Karam.** The Undersecretary of Human Rights, Alejandro Encinas, informed that former General Attorney, Jesus Murillo Karam, will appear next week before the Truth Committee for the Ayotzinapa Case.

**Public apology.** The Secretary of Interior, Olga Sánchez Cordero, offered a public apology on behalf the State to Martha Alicia Camacho, a former member of the "43 Communist League" who was tortured by the military for 49 days in the 1970's.

## Federal Congress

**Tax forgiveness.** The Chamber of Deputies approved a reform to the Constitution to prohibit the remission of taxes. The bill was sent to the Senate for its analysis and discussion.

**Appearances.** Following AMLO's First Government Report, appearances before Congress from Secretaries of State began at the Chamber of Deputies and will conclude on November 6th.

## Federal Government

**BANXICO.** The Government Board of Banxico agreed to cut its reference interest rate by 35 basis points to 7.75%, its lowest level since November 2018.



**Salmerón.** The Director of the National Institute of Historical Studies from the Revolutions of Mexico, Pedro Salmerón, resigned from his position after the controversy generated by referring to the killers of businessman Eugenio Garza Sada in 1973 as “braves”. Felipe Avila Espinosa was appointed instead.

**CPTM.** The Financial Intelligence Unit from the Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit informed about a possible diversion of public resources from the Tourism Promotion Council of Mexico (CPTM) to private accounts and abroad companies. The Unit will submit the corresponding complaint.

**Inflation.** The INEGI reported that the annual inflation rate decreased for the first time since September 2016 to 2.99%.

## Supreme Court of Justice

**Santa Lucía.** The Supreme Court of Justice postponed the resolution to define whether or not to grant the suspension in the amparos promoted against the construction of the Santa Lucia Airport. AMLO accused former Minister Jose Ramon Cossío of advising the amparo promoters against the airport.

## States

**Oaxaca.** The State Congress of Oaxaca approved the decriminalization of abortion before 12 weeks of gestation. Oaxaca is the second state to decriminalize it. The first one was Mexico City.

**Campeche.** The Attorney General's Office started an investigation against Alejandro Moreno, former governor of Campeche and current president of the PRI, for alleged illicit enrichment during his period as Governor.

**Nayarit.** Former Attorney General, Edfar Veytia, was sentenced by the US Government to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty on participating in an operation to distribute cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana.