



Mexican President AMLO Decrees the War on Drugs in His Country Has Officially Ended

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) declared the end of his country's 'war on drugs', saying that the army will stop prioritizing the capture of kingpins and will focus on reducing homicide rates. [Which is strange reasoning when one considers that the main purpose of putting the drug kingpins out of business is to reduce homicide rates caused by those kingpins.] Obrador says he wants to form a national guard, which has caused critics to speculate that the country will be further militarized. Court documents claim that the Sinloa Cartel paid off a former campaign associate of López Obrador during his first failed run for the presidency in 2006. -GEG

Mexican president Andrés Manuel López Obrador declared the end of his country's "war" on drugs Wednesday – saying his administration would no longer prioritize the prosecution of kingpins.

His statement came as US prosecutors urged jurors in Brooklyn to [convict infamous Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman](#).

"There is no war, officially there is no more war," López Obrador said in response to a question from a reporter regarding the lack of kingpin arrests since he took office, according to AFP.

"We want peace, we are going to get peace. We haven't detained capos, because that is not our principal mission. The principal mission of the government is to guarantee public security."

Guzman, 61, was extradited to the US in January 2017 – when López Obrador's predecessor, President Enrique Peña Nieto, was in office – where he is on trial for his role as a leader of the notorious Sinaloa Cartel.

When Mexican authorities recaptured the notorious cocaine smuggler a year earlier, Peña Nieto lavished praise on the law enforcement officers who made the collar, saying they were "a source of pride" for the nation.

But López Obrador said law enforcement will now instead focus on reducing homicide rates.

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