

Mexico arrests drug lord Edgar Valdez

Mexican police have arrested alleged drug trafficker Edgar Valdez, a U.S. citizen linked to the influential Beltran Leyva drug cartel. The capture of Valdez, known as “Barbie”, is a big boost for President Felipe Calderon in his battle against the country’s most powerful drug cartels

EDGAR VALDEZ

■ Had been fighting **Hector Beltran Leyva** for control of cartel, previously led by his brother Arturo until he was shot dead by Mexican security forces last December

■ Charged by district court in Atlanta with distributing thousands of kilos of cocaine in eastern U.S. in 2004-06

■ Known as “Barbie” because of his fair complexion, Valdez, aged 37, had a \$2 million tag on his head

