

Worst atrocities in Mexico's drug war

1 Sep 15, 2008, Morelia: Suspected members of Zetas drug gang toss grenades into crowd celebrating independence day, killing eight civilians and injuring over 100

2 Jan 31, 2010, Ciudad Juarez: Suspected gang members kill 13 high school students and two adults at party

3 Mar 13, Ciudad Juarez: Hitmen kill two Americans and one Mexican linked to U.S. Consulate

4 Jun 28, Ciudad Victoria: Popular gubernatorial candidate shot dead in worst cartel attack on politician to date

5 Jul 18, Torreon: Gunmen allegedly let out of jail and given weapons by corrupt officials kill 17 at birthday party before returning to their cells

6 Jul 24, Monterrey: Police unearth more than 50 bodies from mass grave, many burned beyond recognition

7 Aug 25, San Fernando: Mexican troops find 72 bodies at ranch after firefight with drug gang in which three gunmen and a marine die

8 Nov 7, Acapulco: Bodies of 18 kidnapped tourists found in grave. Drugs baron arrested later says they were victims of mistaken identity

9 Apr 2011: Officials unearth first of over 450 bodies buried in mass graves in states of Durango and Tamaulipas

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10 Aug 20, Acapulco: Five headless bodies found, taking total killed in popular resort to 25 in one week

11 Aug 25, Monterrey: Masked gunmen torch casino, killing 52 people

12 Sep 20, Veracruz: 35 bodies found in two abandoned trucks after gunmen block busy road in broad daylight

13 Oct 6, Veracruz: Security forces find 32 bodies after government unveils plan to bolster security in state

14 Nov 24, Guadalajara: Bodies of 26 men found in three vehicles abandoned in centre of city

15 Feb 19, 2012, Monterrey: Prison fight between members of rival Zetas and Gulf cartels leaves 44 dead