

As Violence Soars, Mexico's New Leader to Take Charge of Security

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Andrés Manuel López Obrador says he has means to enlist governors to his anti-violence campaign

MEXICO CITY—Mexican President-elect Andrés Manuel López Obrador plans to leverage his strong political mandate to tackle the rampant violence ravaging the country, according to a top aide.

Mr. López Obrador intends to take personal command of Mexico's security strategy, rein in errant state governors and eradicate the corruption that fuels violence, said Alfonso Durazo, a veteran politician who the president-elect has chosen to head a new Public Security Ministry after the Dec. 1 inauguration.

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