

## **'It's a Crisis of Civilization in Mexico.' 250,000 Dead. 37,400 Missing.**

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In an echo of Latin America's 'Dirty Wars,' gang violence has fueled mounting disappearances, leaving mothers to search for their children's corpses

EL FUERTE, Mexico—One recent day, a line of grieving mothers armed with picks and shovels worked their way across a muddy field looking for Mexico's dead and missing, their own children among them.

"It smells bad here," said Lizbeth Ortega, a member of Las Rastreadoras de El Fuerte, or the Trackers of El Fuerte, a group of mothers who look for missing people.

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