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SUBJECT: Timeline of major violent events occurring in Matamoros

consular district August 29 through September 3, 2010

- 1. Below is a timeline of major violent events occurring in Matamoros consular district August 29 September 3, 2010.
- 2. August 29: Mexican officials confirm that three fragmentation grenade attacks occurred in the city of Reynosa between 1200-1300 hours on August 28. CISEN officials confirmed that 23 civilians were injured in the attack, one being a teemager that was in serious condition. No U.S.C. was injured in the attacks. The attacks occurred three blocks away from a memorial service for the 72 executed migrants in San Fernando. The explosions were also near a morgue holding some of the bodies of the victims. In addition, the location of the attacks were approximately one mile north of the Reynosa Consular Agency and one-mile South of the Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge.
- 3. August 29: At approximately 1940 hours, Consulate LGF personnel reported hearing explosions in the vicinity of the Principal Officer's residence. GOM officials verified to the RSO that one grenade detonated on Calle Margaritas, approximately two blocks from the consulate. The attack was against a Mexican Navalhospital where one of the survivors of the mass execution in San Fernando was reportedly re-cooperating. In addition, the detonation was two blocks from the Gateway International Bridge. Officials stated that no one was injured but that the area around the facility sustained damage.
- 4. August 29: Numerous open sources report that Antonio Leal Garcia, the mayor of Hidalgo was assassinated in his vehicle. His ten year old daughter was also injured in the attack.

- September 2: Second survivor of San Fernando mass executions. CISEN indicated to RSO that the second, unidentified and uninjured, survivor of the San Fernando executions travelled to Matamoros by himself and looked to federal authorities here for assistance. The survivor supposedly was immediately moved to Mexico City for debriefing.
- September 2: Federal authorities (PGR) and open sources reported that the Mexican military engaged members of the Las Zetas DTO in two separate attacks in the evening of the 2nd in Mier, Tamaulipas. The locations were approximately 1.5 miles from the state line between Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon. This area is currently off limits to USG employees and similar information is echoed in current Consular/Warden travel warnings. PGR reports that the military ultimately killing 32 cartel members during both engagements. Reports also indicate that two military members were killed.

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