

Revisiting Mexico's lawsuit against U.S. gun trafficking



A Mexican soldier holds up a gun next to other weapons seized from alleged drug traffickers or handed in by residents before they are destroyed at a military zone in Mexico City. [Henry Romero/Reuters]

Mexico City, May 21 (RHC)-- In Mexico, guns from the United States are a fact of life. The Mexican government estimates nearly 70% of guns trafficked into the country come from its northern neighbour. Meanwhile, a patchwork of weak gun laws in the U.S., where gun trafficking is not a federal crime, affects Mexico.

The Mexican government is taking an unusual tack to try to stop the flow of arms: they have filed a lawsuit. With no sign of the cartel violence slowing, many observers say that it is a long shot that a lawsuit can successfully stem the flow of guns to Mexico.

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