

# *May 2018, most deadly month in Mexico since 1997*

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Mexico City, June 23 (RHC) -- With just 10 days to Mexico's July 1 presidential elections, a new report shows violence has reached a high peak with almost 3,000 murders committed in May alone, the National Public Security System said Thursday.

There has been a total of 2,890 murders, which is roughly 93 victims per day or four every hour - the highest homicide rate since 1997.

The report comes as Mexico battles the most violent electoral process in its history. According to consulting firm Etelekt, there have been 121 murders and 400 attacks against politicians since September 2017.

President of the National Association of Mayors, Enrique Vargas del Villar, stressed the importance of collaboration with the Interior Ministry to create a "security protocol" to protect candidates campaigning for municipal government positions.



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