
Mexico: MORENA's Deputy 'El Mijis' Survives Shooting

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Unknown assailants shot a vehicle transporting Mexico's local deputy Pedro Carrizales Becerra - of the progressive party Morena, near Ciudad Satelite.

Carrizales, also known as 'El Mijis' was riding in his vehicle accompanied by state police when he was shot-at by [attackers riding on motorcycles](#). Police reports have not yet indicated the motives for the attack.

The vehicle was impacted by two bullets but no one was hurt in the attempt against 'El Mijis.'

Carrizales, a 39-year-old deputy for the state of San Luis Potosi, became 'El Mijis' while becoming part of a local gang in his home Villa Alborada, to the east of the capital. The former gang member had to go through several tries to gain acceptance, including facing two members and the leader, whom he beat in a contest.

[President Andres Lopez's \(AMLO\)](#) electoral victory brought about the first youth gang leader, 'El Mijis,' to become the first deputy in Mexico.

AMLO has been heavily criticized for Carrizale's inclusion in his party ranks. The deputy fought back telling Mexicans he was being subjected to "classicism" and "discriminatory" remarks related to his past life.

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"If I got here it is because I'm tired of watching how citizens discriminate me for having been a street child," said 'El Mijis.'

'El Mijis' comes from a 'chavo banda' meaning an alternative form of a family organization led by children who end up in the street because of poverty or because they flee from their families. In essence, it is a type of subculture formed by street children and youth.

'El Mijis' is also the leader of a Popular Youth Movement from San Luis Potosi which promotes social programs and employment generation for youth involved in gang activity. The movement has also been active in generating peace dialogue between gangs who have sustained prolonged rivalries.
