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## Mexican president: Country 'at peace' after wave of violence

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MEXICO CITY

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum sought to quell fears Monday after violence erupted

in 20 Mexican states over the killing of the world's most wanted cartel kingpin, Nemesio Rubén Oseguera Cervantes, known as "El Mencho."

"The country is at peace," Sheinbaum told reporters at her daily news conference in Mexico City. "It's calm."

Schools were closed Monday in some states and some flights remained suspended at the popular tourist destination of Puerto Vallarta in the state of Jalisco, where Oseguera lived and was killed at his mountain hideout.

Omar García Harfuch, Mex-

ico's top security official, said 25 members of the National Guard were killed Sunday in attacks by organized crime in Jalisco state. It was not immediately clear how the soldiers were killed.

Mexican Defense Secretary Ricardo Trevilla Trejo revealed new details of the special forces

operation targeting Oseguera, the founder and leader of the notorious Jalisco New Generation cartel.

Trevilla said that in recent days, Mexican intelligence officers identified where Oseguera lived by tracking the movements of his girlfriend.

As troops approached Oseguera's compound near the town of Tapalpa on Sunday, Oseguera's guards opened fire in what Trevilla described as "a very violent attack."

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Cathy Simi, of Reno, cries during a vigil in downtown Truckee on Sunday in honor of the victims of a deadly avalanche that struck the Lake Tahoe area the previous week. Simi was friends with one of the victims, Carrie Atkin, and Atkin's family.

## Training for new ICE agents 'deficient,' whistleblower says

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*NYT News Service*

WASHINGTON

An Immigration and Customs Enforcement official who resigned this month from his job instructing new recruits plans to speak out Monday as a whistleblower, describing what he says is a "deficient, defective and broken" training program with a pared-back curriculum as the Trump administration races to expand the agency.

The account by Ryan Schwank, a former ICE lawyer who worked at the federal government's law enforcement training academy, coincides with Senate Democrats' releasing several dozen pages of internal ICE records that they say demonstrate how the Trump administration has curtailed the agency's basic training.

Some of the previously unreported documents indicate that ICE officers are now training for significantly fewer hours than they did before President Donald Trump's hiring surge. Others suggest that several training classes appear to have been cut from the required syllabus, including one titled "Use of Force Simulation Training" and others on immigration law and ICE's legal authorities.

Together, the new disclosures underscore concerns about the conduct and preparedness of Homeland Security Department agents, who have shot and killed at least three American citizens over the past year. Trump's decision to order immigration officers into major American cities has led to a rise in violent encounters with members of the public, leading to fears that poor training for new agents will produce more chaos.

"Without reform, ICE will graduate thousands of new officers who do not know their constitutional duty, do not know the limits of their authority and do not have the training to recognize an unlawful order," Schwank said in prepared remarks that he plans to deliver Monday alongside congressional Democrats in Washington.

Lauren Bis, a spokesperson for the department, said in a statement that training hours had not been reduced, adding, "Our officers receive extensive firearm training, are taught de-escalation tactics, and re-

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## Mountain residents pay tribute to avalanche victims in Truckee

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TRUCKEE

As the last daylight faded Sunday, the sound of "Amazing Grace" rose toward the peaks that cup this mountain town.

Holding candles, hundreds of residents of this and other Tahoe-area communities sang the hymn in soft unison as they gathered to honor the nine people killed by an avalanche while skiing in the backcountry near Donner Pass, around ten miles to the northwest.

Some in the crowd knew one of the three guides who died.

Or they knew one of the six skiing moms and longtime friends those guides had been leading on a tour into the backcountry. Others came to support neighbors and friends who had lost a loved one, or showed up just because community ties grow strong in small mountain towns where people share both the hardships of extreme weather and the joys of recreating outdoors.

"However that grief is held tonight, it will not be held alone," Courtney Henderson, the vice mayor of Truckee, said.

Cathy Simi drove up from

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Truckee community members gather for a vigil in Truckee on Sunday.

## Ski guides killed in avalanche recalled as skilled, passionate

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Mitch Hall hadn't spoken to his former coworker in years, but he said Sunday that he was

devastated to learn Michael "Mike" Henry was one of nine people who died in Tuesday's Tahoe-area avalanche.

"It sucks to hear that somebody that's skilled with so much knowledge in the mountains can still somehow get into a deadly avalanche like that," Hall said.

Henry, whom Hall kept up with through Instagram posts, had been part of a group of 15 on the final day of a three-day backcountry ski trip when the avalanche struck. Henry was one of three people killed who worked for Blackbird Mountain Guides.

Hall said he and Henry were

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hired at the same time in 2017 to work at Mountain Wave, a snowboard and bike rental shop in Breckenridge, Colorado. Henry, originally from Vermont, worked at the shop until 2019. In subsequent years, Hall frequently looked at Henry's Instagram Stories of his mountain adventures and found them inspiring.

"He really was living his passion and did what he loved and wanted to do," Hall said.

The skiers also killed were six



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