

(SBU) Former MORENA Senate Leader Ricardo Monreal Will Not Run for Mexico City Head of Government

7. (SBU) After finishing last in the MORENA presidential contender selection process and after Omar Garcia Harfuch's resignation and potential entry to the Mexico City head of government race, former MORENA Senate Leader Ricardo Monreal announced September 12 he would not run for Mexico City head of government. Predicting the candidate selection would come down to either Garcia Harfuch or Iztapalapa Mayor Clara Brugada and noting he had no chance of winning the MORENA nod, Monreal said he did not want to cause divisions within the party. In a series of interviews, Monreal also said he had no interest in serving as a cabinet member in a potential Sheinbaum administration and would now focus on teaching, writing, and "hop[ing] for better times." Yet on the same day Sheinbaum announced Monreal as her campaign's organization and territorial coordinator, and former Interior Secretary Adan Augusto Lopez as her political coordinator.

8. (SBU) **Comment:** Monreal went from being one of the most powerful figures in the ruling coalition to an outcast in only a few years, mostly because of his open disagreements with Lopez Obrador. His addition to Sheinbaum's campaign despite having a close relationship with her shows he is willing to collaborate, although likely in exchange for positions for his close advisors. On September 12, media reported Monreal's daughter would run for mayor of Cuauhtemoc, the Mexico City borough where Monreal served 2015-2018. Meanwhile current mayor of Cuauhtemoc Sandra Cuevas (PRD), who reportedly also has close ties with Monreal, is trying to secure the opposition's candidacy for Mexico City head of government. **End comment.**

(SBU) Criminals Targeting and Killing Prosecutors in Guerrero

9. (SBU) Criminals killed two Guerrero prosecutors within a week's time mid-September following attacks against two other prosecutors in July (ref B) and August. Criminals assassinated the state delegate of the Federal Attorney General's Office (FGR) in Guerrero, Fernando Garcia Fernandez, while he drove his vehicle to his office in Chilpancingo September 12. First reports noted armed men appeared to coordinate the attack as they shot at Garcia from two vehicles. In addition, criminals kidnapped from his home and then killed the

Released in Full