



## Gallery of Horrors: atrocities and high-impact events in Mexico

January-October 2021

This report presents events that can be classified as “atrocities”. It is important to underscore that these atrocities are “only” examples of a much wider gallery of horrors, since many are not reported by the media. Therefore, the relevance of this report is not in the accuracy of the numbers, but the scope and nature of the crimes that are reported.

For the purpose of these study, “atrocities” is murder with laceration or extreme abuse; the murder of three or more people; the murder of vulnerable people or of people with political interest; and/or acts of terrorism. There are events with comprise several types of “atrocities”. For example, on October 12, 2021, the remains of a girl were found in a clandestine grave in Reynosa, Tamaulipas. In total, three atrocities: a clandestine grave, a murder of a minor and a murder of a woman with extreme cruelty.

In summary, for the period January-October, 2021, at least 3,492 newspaper reports dealt with atrocities, with at least 4,527 events, and at least 6,787 victims. The following table classifies these crimes by type of atrocity:

Type of atrocity	January-October 2021
Torture	924
Mutilation, dismemberment and destruction of corpses:	700
Clandestine grave	520
Massacre	459
Murder of women with extreme cruelty	389
Calcination	321
Murder of children and adolescents	320
Attempted lynching	249
Assassination of officials and relevant actors in security	154
Violent acts between criminal groups or against authorities	130
Violence against migrants	96
Aggravated rape	65
Assassination of political actors	63



Murder of people from vulnerable groups	40
Lynching	37
Terrorism	26
Murder of rights defenders	16
Murder of journalists	9
Slavery and trafficking in persons	9
	4,527

The complete analysis can be consulted at:

<http://causaencomun.org.mx/beta/atrocidades-2021/>

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