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# Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

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## Responses to Information Requests

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Mexico: The Los Cachas gang, including when it originated, criminal activities (particularly in 2002) and its region of influence; government efforts to address Los Cachas criminal activities  
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

Information on the above-mentioned topic could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

### Sources Consulted

**Oral sources:** The International Coordinator at Centro Prodh; a professor in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society at the University of California; a sessional professor of sociology at the University of Guelph; and an exiled, former journalist of *La Reforma* were unable to provide information for this Response. Attempts to contact a professor of Chicano Latino studies at California State University; an investigator at El Colegio de la Frontera Norte; the founding director of Southern Pulse; a representative of Centro de Investigacion para el Desarrollo A. C. and the Director for Institute for Security and Democracy (Insyde) were unsuccessful.

**Internet sites, including:** Benson Latin American Collection; Border Reporter [Arizona]; Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS); Centro Mexicano para la Filantropía (CEMEFI); Centro Prodh; El Colegio de la Frontera Norte; *La Crónica* [Mexicali]; *El Universal* [Mexico City]; *ESTO* [Mexico City]; Factiva; Freedom House; *Grupo Fórmula* [Mexico City]; *Guadalajara Reporter*; Human Rights Watch; Instituto Ciudadano de Estudios Sobre la Inseguridad (ICESI); Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR); Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); International Relations and Security Network (ISN); IPL2; *La Jornada* [Mexico City]; LatinAmerica Press; LatinNews; Library of Congress; *Milenio* [Mexico city]; Noticias Teziutlán; Notimex; *La Prensa* [Mexico City]; Red Nacional de Organismos Civiles de Derechos Humanos, *La Reforma* [Mexico City]; Security Corner Mexico; Security in Latin America; Southern Pulse; United Nations (UN) Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN); Refworld, United States Agency for International Development (USAID); US - Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership; Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars - Mexico Institute.

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