

**ON THE NEWS**

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Children protected

**Unicef praises Mexico for child protection law**

Mexico.-Unicef praised Mexico and offered thanks for President Enrique Peña Nieto's decision to prioritize a law on the rights of children and adolescents. The law was approved by the Mexican Senate.

The UN body considered the initiative to be "a historic opportunity for Mexican children and adolescents" through the creation of a national system for all-round protection.



**Mexico ready to face challenge of ebola**

Washington.-Mexico has a very low risk of contagion from ebola, but it is ready to diagnose and manage any suspicions of an outbreak, said Health Secretary Mercedes Juan López.

Amid the world emergency over ebola, Mexico is in permanent contact with the US Center for Disease Control by means of a liaison group in Atlanta, the minister said at a meeting in Washington of the Pan-American Health Organization.



**DEA chief hails arrest of 'capo' Beltrán Leyva**

Washington.-The arrest in Mexico of drug lord Hector Beltrán Leyva was warmly welcomed in the United States by the Drug Enforcement Administration. "One of the world's biggest drug empires continues to crumble," said the DEA administrator, Michelle Leonhart.

"DEA congratulates the government of Mexico and the brave individuals who carried out this operation and we pledge our continued commitment to the relentless pursuit of global drug traffickers," Leonhart added.

**WHAT'S COMING**



**Mexican arts and culture in New York**

New York.-The Celebrate Mexico Now Festival, the leading showcase of contemporary Mexican art and culture in New York, is to be held from October 28 to November 1. The festival is now in its eighth edition.

The six days of the festival will display aspects of the regional identities and culture of Mexico, along with the way in which they interact with an increasingly interconnected world.



**Analysis of Mayan architecture**

Mexico.-Mexican and foreign specialists are to discuss Mayan architecture and its influence on contemporary styles. The analysis will take place within the International Festival of Mayan Culture.

Popular, traditional architecture and more modern versions will be analyzed in lectures, visits to pre-hispanic, colonial and modern buildings in Yucatan, capital of Mérida from October 20 to 24.



**Homage to Octavio Paz in New York**

New York.-New York's Cervantes Institute will pay homage to the late Mexican writer and diplomat Octavio Paz on the centenary of his birth on October 8 with the film "Yo, la peor de todas". Paz, a winner of the Nobel Prize for literature, died in 1998.

The film, directed in Argentina by María Luisa Bemberg, is based on an essay by Paz, "Las trampas de la fe", that reveals the hypocrisy of the system that jailed the Mexican poetess Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz in the 17th century.



## Pemex heads for big time, says oil export

Toronto.-Thanks to the end of the nation's energy monopoly, Pemex, the state oil company, is sure to become a major competitor in the world oil industry, said Alan Ross, the envoy to Canada's federal government of the province of Alberta and an expert in oil.

Alberta is the center of Canada's oil industry and Ross said there is considerable optimism within the province over the Mexican reform and the opportunities it presents for upstream development.



## Mexican companies look south

Bogota.-Mexican companies in the mechanical and digital design sectors are gaining ground in Colombia as a port of entry to the South American market, especially with the Pacific Alliance in mind.

IMMSA and Dassault Systemes are only two of the companies that aim to reap the benefits of the alliance, which includes, Mexico, Colombia, Peru and Chile.



## IMF hails inclusion of Mexican policies

Washington.-Mexico is an example for other countries because of its economic dynamism and policies of social inclusion, said Christine Lagarde, director-general of the International Monetary Fund.

"Mexico is a country that tries to include those who have no access to financing or to the labor market. I refer to the very poorest people, very often women," Lagarde said in a forum at Georgetown University in the US capital.