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1. (SBU) On March 5th, 2012, Principal Officer convened an Emergency Action Committee (EAC) meeting to review Post's security posture following a series of security incidents over the weekend. Present were PO, CONS, RSO, POL, IMO, NIV, ACS, and DEA. Post reviewed tripwires and agreed to enact several prudential security measures.
2. (SBU) Following a recent spike in violence over the previous week, which included a direct threat to the Consulate (see Reftel), several events occurred over the weekend which reinforced the growing instability within the city. On Friday, March 2nd at approximately 2230 hours, a local staff member was robbed as he was getting into his vehicle. Two unidentified males stole his wallet and his phone. The staff member was not harmed in the incident.
3. (SBU) On Sunday morning, police discovered the grisly remains of two bodies, which had been hacked to pieces and left in the trunk of a vehicle, two miles south of the consulate. Left with the bodies was a narco message, which roughly translated read, "This is going to happen to you, Z-40 [Miguel Trevino Morales] Signed El Chapo [Joaquin Guzman Loera], The Real Boss."
1. (SBU) That same evening at approximately 2100 hours, gunmen apparently fired upon rivals in a busy shopping center, which contains a Wal-Mart and pizza place heavily frequented by Consulate staff. According to reports, civilians scattered as the gunfire raged for about ten minutes. Both sides then fled the area. A 19-month old child was wounded in the crossfire and later died from his wounds. Seven people were injured and were rushed to local area hospitals, American Citizen Services is contacting the hospitals to see if there American citizens among the wounded.
2. (SBU) COMMENT: Since the events of last week, the Consulate has maintained a higher state of alert. The military has provided additional patrols throughout the weekend and Post has asked that these patrols continue. Official travelers have begun limiting travel in response to the violence. The EAC reviewed tripwires and believes several

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have been crossed. In response, Post has enacted or plans to enact the following prudential measures:

PO, CIO, and RSO will conduct a small town hall meeting with new TCOs and spouses to discuss the recent violence. RSO continues to meet with security officials to ensure security support for the consulate continues.

3. (SBU) It is as yet unclear what this weekend's events mean inside a larger context. There was some disagreement over the veracity of this latest narco manta, however, all agreed that more time was needed to accurately identify the various forces at work. What is clear is the common street crime and indiscriminate gunplay continue to plague civilians as TCOs battle for control of this important gateway to the US. END COMMENT.

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