

Organization Attributes Sheet: Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion

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A. When the organization was formed + brief history
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion (CJNG) formed after the death of Juan Ignacio (AKA: “Nacho”) Coronel Villarreal in July of 2010.¹ The group was formerly under the control of Coronel in the organization known as the Milenio Cartel which was part of the Sinaloa Federation. After his death, members of his group still loyal to Sinaloa formed the organization now known as La Resistencia while other defected to form the Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion.²• Since that time, the CJNG has waged a turf war for control of the drugs running through Jalisco as well as for control of precursor chemicals arriving from Asia with La Resistencia, La Familia Michoacan, and the Sinaloa Cartel.³
B. Types of illegal activities engaged in,
a. In general
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug precursor trafficking, drug trafficking, extortion.• Kidnapping of members of the military and police forces who are in league with La Familia, Sinaloa, and La Resistencia.⁴
b. <i>Specific detail: types of illicit trafficking activities engaged in</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trafficking of cocaine and precursor chemicals through Jalisco, Nayarit, and Colima.⁵
C. Scope and Size
a. Estimated size of network and membership
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no clear estimate of the size of cartel indicated in open sources. It is one half of the remnants of the Milenio Cartel, so it could still be a fairly sizeable organization.
b. Countries / regions group is known to have operated in. (i.e. the group’s operating area)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jalisco, Nayarit, and Colima Mexico. As of now, no sources indicate that the group has expanded beyond these regions.
D. Leader Characteristics
a. Who is/are the leader(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In February 2011, military forces arrested Hector Alejandro Lopez Estrada (AKA: “El Cora”) an alleged leader of the Jalisco Cartel.⁶ However, it is still unclear who other possible leaders of the cartel might be, and how much power they actually wield.
b. Leadership timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group formed in 2010, and only one source has named an alleged leader. The genealogy of leadership CJNG is still unclear at this time.
c. Leadership style (autocratic, diffuse, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
E. Organizational Structure
a. Topology (cellular, hierarchical, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
b. Membership – is there formal or informal membership in the organization or network? What role do informal or nonmembers play in trafficking and other criminal activities?

Information derived from several sources and searchable databases.

All research conducted according to the project manual.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
c.	Command and Control (decentralized or centralized)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
F. Resources	
a.	Financial
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of right now there is little information about the financial resources of the group. However, the group is fighting for control of the port city of Manzanillo, a key entry point for precursor chemicals and cocaine shipments from South America.⁷ It is likely that it still controls a sizable financial portfolio.
b.	Human
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
c.	Logistical
	i. Forgery, safe-houses, etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
	ii. Key routes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manzanillo is a key entry point for drugs from Latin America as well as precursor chemicals from Asia.⁸
d.	Transportation
	i. Land
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
	ii. Sea
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Port of Manzanillo
	iii. Air
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
	iv. Intermodal container
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
G. Trafficking Methods and Modalities	
a.	Corruption
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A video was released by the CJNG revealing the names of police, military, politicians, and civil servants who had worked with their rivals La Resistencia; however this does not indicate their own attitudes about corruption, merely that they had placed those officials on notice.⁹ It is alleged that the cartel is under the protection of the Government of Jalisco State, but these reports are not substantiated.¹⁰
b.	Concealment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When appearing in videos, group members appear in full tactical gear with their faces covered. Other than that, it is unclear what other methods the group members employ to conceal themselves.
c.	Deception
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
d.	Circumvention (avoiding border entry points)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
H. Prior / Existing Relationships	
a.	Other criminal organizations (cooperative and conflictual)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflictual: La Resistencia, Sinaloa, LFM, and Gulf Cartel. Cooperative: Los Zetas.
<p>b. Corrupt politicians, law enforcement , political parties and other state entities, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific officials are unknown, but the group might be under the protection of the Government of Jalisco.
<p>c. <i>Specific detail: Any alliances / past dealings with terrorist groups.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found. No sources indicate any current or past dealings with terrorist groups.
<p>I. Ideological / Ethnic / Familial Orientation (if any)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
<p>J. Technical Sophistication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As noted above, group members have appeared on the Internet with high powered weapons and tactical gear. It is likely that they are technically sophisticated enough to avoid interdiction and contend militarily with other groups in the area.
<p>K. Penchant for Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
<p>L. Activities in United States</p> <p>a. Includes both criminal and non-criminal activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found. No sources cited CJNG activity in the United States at this time. <p>b. <i>Specific detail: trafficking activities ; logistical activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found. <p>c. Linkages with US groups</p> <p>i. Market/transaction links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found. <p>ii. Stable supplier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found. <p>iii. Franchise arrangement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found. <p>iv. HQ and Branch office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
<p>M. Evaluations</p> <p>a. Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The particular strengths of CJNG are not well documented. The members are capable of avoiding interdiction and detection enough to perpetrate the kidnappings of military and police personnel. <p>b. Weaknesses and vulnerabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found. No sources indicated clearly just how strong or weak the organization is. <p>c. Additional insights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CJNG is one of the newer groups to emerge on the Mexican DTO landscape. Yet it is already allegedly receiving protection from the Government of Jalisco State and working in league with Los Zetas. It occupies a key transit corridor for both drugs and for precursor chemicals used to cut drugs and transform raw agricultural products into

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narcotics. It remains to be seen how powerful the group actually is.

Other Notes

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¹ "Jalisco, Nayarit, and Colima: Betrayal Brews Narco-Violence in these 3 states" *Borderland Beat* February 7, 2011. <http://www.borderlandbeat.com/2011/02/jalisco-nayarit-y-colima-betrayel-brews.html> (May 18, 2011).

² "Jalisco, Nayarit, and Colima" <http://www.borderlandbeat.com/2011/02/jalisco-nayarit-y-colima-betrayel-brews.html> (May 18, 2011).

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⁴ "Video Message from CJNG "Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generacion" *Borderland Beat* February 4, 2011. <http://www.borderlandbeat.com/2011/02/video-message-from-cjng-cartel-jalisco.html#uds-search-results> (May 18, 2011).

⁵ "Jalisco, Nayarit, and Colima" <http://www.borderlandbeat.com/2011/02/jalisco-nayarit-y-colima-betrayel-brews.html> (May 18, 2011).

⁶ "The Mexican Marina caught Hector Estrada "El Cora" Jalisco Cartel leader" *Mexico, News-Travel-Culture*. <http://www.mexico.vg/mexicos-drug-cartels/the-mexican-marina-caught-hector-estrada-el-cora-jalisco-cartel-leader/2273> (May 19, 2011).

⁷ Wuttke, Tom "Number Crunching in Jalisco" *The Economist* May 15, 2011. http://www.economist.com/blogs/americasview/2011/05/mexicos_drug_war (May 19, 2011).

⁸ Marin, Cecile "Major drug routes in Latin America" *Le Monde Diplomatique*. <http://mondediplo.com/maps/> (May 19, 2011).

⁹ "Video Message from CJNG" <http://www.borderlandbeat.com/2011/02/video-message-from-cjng-cartel-jalisco.html> (May 19, 2011).

¹⁰ Solis, Georgina Garcia "La Resistencia y cártel de Jalisco Nueva Generación se disputan la plaza: Nájera"