

## Organization Attributes Sheet: The Hand with Eyes (La Mano con Ojos)

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<b>A. When the organization was formed + brief history</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This organization unified different cells from the Beltran Leyva Brothers' group which after the death of Arturo Beltran Leyva in 2009 continued working for the remaining leaders Sergio Villareal Barragan aka "El Grande", Edgar Valdez Villarreal aka "La Barbie", and Gerardo Alvarez Vazquez aka "El Indio."<sup>1</sup></li><li>• Once the Mexican Authorities arrested the remaining leaders, the head of security of Gerardo Vazquez, known as "La Mano con Ojos" or "El Compayito" (The Hand with Eyes) reorganized some of the scattered Beltran Leyva cells that remained operative and began disputing control of retail drug trafficking areas and smuggling routes in the northern part of the State of Mexico, as well as in Mexico City.</li><li>• As a Beltran Leyva splinter group, this organization also relies heavily on extreme violence to gain control of areas and to intimidate adversaries.<sup>2</sup></li></ul>
<b>B. Types of illegal activities engaged in,</b>
a. In general
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Illegal drug smuggling and retail drug trafficking.</li></ul>
b. <i>Specific detail: types of illicit trafficking activities engaged in</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information not found</li></ul>
<b>C. Scope and Size</b>
a. Estimated size of network and membership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information not found.</li></ul>
b. Countries / regions group is known to have operated in. (i.e. the group's operating area)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Northern State of Mexico (Naucalpan, Tlalnepantla, Atizapán y Cuautitlán Izcalli) and Mexico City.</li></ul>
<b>D. Leader Characteristics</b>
a. Who is/are the leader(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• La Mano con Ojos or El Compayito.<sup>3</sup></li></ul>
b. Leadership timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information not found</li></ul>
c. Leadership style (autocratic, diffuse, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information not found</li></ul>
<b>E. Organizational Structure</b>
a. Topology (cellular, hierarchical, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information not found</li></ul>
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?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information not found</li></ul>
c. Command and Control (decentralized or centralized)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information not found</li></ul>
<b>F. Resources</b>
a. Financial
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information not found</li></ul>
b. Human
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information not found</li></ul>

Information derived from several sources and searchable databases.

All research conducted according to the project manual.

c.	Logistical
	i. Forgery, safe-houses, etc.
	• Information not found
	ii. Key routes
	• Information not found
d.	Transportation
	i. Land
	• Information not found
	ii. Sea
	• Information not found
	iii. Air
	• Information not found
	iv. Intermodal container
	• Information not found
<b>G. Trafficking Methods and Modalities</b>	
a.	Corruption
	• Information not found
b.	Concealment
	• Information not found
c.	Deception
	• Information not found
d.	Circumvention (avoiding border entry points)
	• Information not found
<b>H. Prior / Existing Relationships</b>	
a.	Other criminal organizations (cooperative and conflictual)
	• Information not found
b.	Corrupt politicians, law enforcement , political parties and other state entities, etc.
	• Information not found
c.	<i>Specific detail: Any alliances / past dealings with terrorist groups.</i>
	• Information not found
<b>I. Ideological / Ethnic / Familial Orientation (if any)</b>	
	• Information not found
<b>J. Technical Sophistication</b>	
	• Information not found
<b>K. Penchant for Innovation</b>	
	• Information not found
<b>L. Activities in United States</b>	
a.	Includes both criminal and non-criminal activities
	• Information not found
b.	<i>Specific detail: trafficking activities ; logistical activities</i>
	• Information not found
c.	Linkages with US groups
	i. Market/transaction links
	• Information not found
	ii. Stable supplier
	• Information not found
	iii. Franchise arrangement

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found</li> </ul>
<b>iv. HQ and Branch office</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found</li> </ul>
<b>M. Evaluations</b>
<b>a. Strengths</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The violent enforcement methods that the Beltran Leyva Organization provided have proven a valuable asset, enabling the organization to become a serious contender for the control of some of Mexico City’s smuggling routes.</li> </ul>
<b>b. Weaknesses and vulnerabilities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although state law enforcement agencies have made efforts to tackle the growth of this organization, the recklessness in pursuit of greater power, might lead to riskier activities.</li> </ul>
<b>c. Additional insights</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although this organization is still evolving, gaining control of Mexico City’s lucrative drug retail market and its Colombian cocaine smuggling routes could increase its capacity to expand to other smuggling routes and markets.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Notes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> El Universal, “La Mano con Ojos: 5 puntos clave de su operación” (The hand with eyes: five key operative points), February 10th, 2011, <http://www.eluniversaledomex.mx/otros/nota13000.html>

<sup>2</sup> Borderland Beat, “La Mano con ojos strikes again”, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, <http://www.borderlandbeat.com/2011/03/la-mano-con-ojos-strikes-again.html>

<sup>3</sup>“La Mano con Ojos: 5 puntos clave de su operación, Op Cit