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The U.S. Embassy in Mexico has notified President Joe Biden's Administration about potential threats to democracy in the context of changes pushed by President Andrés Manuel López Obrador to reform the National Electoral Institute, The New York Times revealed yesterday. [REF](#)

A WOMAN AT INE

For the first time, a woman will occupy the presidency of INE, once Lorenzo Córdova leaves office next April, as ordered by the Electoral Tribunal of the Judiciary of the Federation to the Chamber of Deputies. The quintet for the presidency of the Institute will be made up exclusively of women, in order to guarantee the principle of alternation and gender parity. [SOL](#)

REQUESTING HIS RESIGNATION

On Wednesday morning, thousands of university students held a march for peace in downtown Zacatecas, they shouted slogans calling for the resignation of the state governor, David Monreal Avila. [RAZ](#)

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PLAN B APPROVED

- With 72 votes in favor and 50 against, MORENA approved yesterday in the Senate President AMLO's Plan B in electoral matters, without the "eternal life clause" that allowed the transfer of votes to parties that do not reach 3% to maintain their registration; they did not eliminate it and left it in the minutes sent by the deputies, in "legislative limbo", so it can be activated at any time. [CRÓ](#)

ECHOES OF GARCÍA LUNA'S CASE

- FGR (Federal District Attorney) and US have started an investigation against García Luna's circle. Following witness statements in the trial against former Security Secretary Genaro García Luna, the FGR is investigating his close circle for alleged links to drug trafficking after he was found guilty of five criminal charges in New York, revealed federal government officials. [MIL](#)

➤ One of the Senate's most influential Republicans on Thursday demanded that the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) and FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) hand over all information about the links between Genaro García Luna and their agencies to determine when and how they learned he was corrupt. "Please explain what each of your agencies knew about García Luna's corruption and criminal activity, when they learned of that information, and how they came by that information," wrote Sen. Chuck Grassley, the ranking Republican minority lawmaker on the Judiciary Committee. [JOR](#)



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- In 19 entities of the country, the number of people in poverty increased, a problem that affected women to a greater extent, who went from 27.1 million to 29.1 million in just two years, from 2018 to 2020 reveals the Evaluation of Social Development Policy 2022 report, by CONEVAL (National Council For the Evolution of Social Policies). [HER](#)

BANKING WITHOUT DEVELOPMENT

- At the end of 2022, the country's development banks accumulated three years of losses for a total of 3 thousand 989 million pesos, according to data from the Ministry of Finance. In 2020, the negative result among the six institutions that make up the sector was 1,389 million pesos; in 2021, 1,416 million pesos; and in 2022, 1,184 million pesos. [UNI](#)

HEALTH

- They will go before the IACHR (Inter-American Commission on Human Rights) due to the shortage of medicines. Organizations indicated that they will seek dialogue with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights regarding this problem, which exists especially due to the lack of access to oncological drugs. They indicated that they will also seek to expose the damages created by the new model of acquisition and distribution of medicines, implemented by the Fourth Transformation through INSABI (Wellness Health Institute). [MEX](#)

LUISA'S FAREWELL

- Yon de Luisa leaves the Federation. The break in the relationship was speculated when De Luisa did not present the new coach of the Tricolor. He will continue to perform his duties until the next Assembly of Owners in May. The stormy winds continue to hit the Mexican Soccer Federation when it seemed that calm had arrived; the president of the FMF (Mexican Football Federation), Yon de Luisa, resigned from his position as head of the organization. [PUB](#)

IN COURT

- The UNAM challenged the provisional suspension granted to Yasmín Esquivel Mossa, with which the Court Minister seeks to prevent the Ethics Committee of the University from disseminating information about the investigation it is conducting into the alleged plagiarism of her undergraduate thesis. [CRÓ](#)

➤ Rosario Robles Berlanga, former head of SEDESOL (Former Ministry of Social Development) in Enrique Peña Nieto's administration, won the lawsuit against the SFP (Mexico's Ministry of Public Administration), which dismissed and disqualified her for 10 years for having falsified her asset declaration, which prevents her from holding jobs, positions or commissions in the federal public service. [JOR](#)

INTERNATIONAL

- The Stray Animal Rehabilitation Center soon to be inaugurated by the authorities of the municipality of Bafiskele, built in the Koaelli district of Turkey, will be named after Proteus in honor of the Mexican dog that died during the search and rescue efforts after the earthquake

earlier this month, Mayor Mehmet Yasin Özlü said. "We have named our center after Proteus, who has served Mexico for many years. [MIL](#)

- Moscow: China proposes a peace plan for Ukraine. Wang Yi, head of diplomacy, presents it to Vladimir Putin. The document was also sent to the Kiev government. It includes a cease-fire and measures to protect nuclear plants. [JOR](#)

- Nobel Peace Prize loses luster. there are only 305 candidates this year. The names of the 212 individuals and 93 organizations were not released due to committee rules, but it is the lowest number in four years. [PUB](#)

CULTURE

- Sonora and the U.S. will be the guests of honor at the 51st edition of the International Cervantino Festival (FIC), which will take place from October 13 to 29. "We know that the 50th anniversary was a memorable event, we have high hopes for this edition and I am sure that we will meet the expectations and enthusiasm of the public. [CRÓ](#)

- The return of the International Book Fair at the Palacio de Minería -after two editions held digitally due to the Covid-19 pandemic- excites readers, as it will add to the economic recovery, but also reopens discussions that the pandemic stopped: the FIL Minería represents a very high investment in the purchase of exhibition space per square meter, it is even more expensive than the FIL Guadalajara itself, say publishers. [UNI](#)