

BRIEFING TITLE	F1 Mexico City Grand Prix 2026
DATE	October 30 to November 1
GEO	Mexico City, Mexico

BACKGROUND

Transport disruption, opportunistic crime and ticket fraud are expected to be the main risks for attendees at the [2026 Mexico City Grand Prix](#), which will take place at Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez in Mexico City's Iztacalco borough from October 30 to November 1. Practice sessions will run on Friday, qualifying on Saturday and the race on Sunday. Attendance has exceeded [400.000 spectators](#) in each of the last three years.

The event also coincides with [Mexico City's Day of the Dead celebrations](#), including the [Grand Day of the Dead Parade](#) along Paseo de la Reforma to the Zócalo on Saturday, October 31, and a number of protests planned for the city over the weekend.

This briefing highlights the key risks associated with the 2026 Mexico City Grand Prix before, during and after the event. The following threats have been assessed to impact samdesk clients:

- Transport and mobility disruption - **Almost certain**
- Crime targeting attendees - **Almost certain**
- Protests - **Likely**
- Organized crime and terrorism - **Unlikely**
- Online fraud and cybersecurity - **Probable**

The key event schedule is as follows:

Session	Day	Mexico City time
F1 Experiences Live (invitation only)	Thursday, October 29	Evening
First on-track session (GTM Super Copa practice)	Friday, October 30	8:40am
Free Practice 1	Friday, October 30	12:30pm to 1:30pm
Free Practice 2	Friday, October 30	4:00pm to 5:00pm
Free Practice 3	Saturday, October 31	11:30am to 12:30pm
Qualifying	Saturday, October 31	3:00pm to 4:00pm

Drivers' parade	Sunday, November 1	12:00pm to 12:30pm
Race (71 laps or 120 minutes)	Sunday, November 1	2:00pm to 4:00pm

ANALYSIS

Physical Security Analysis

Transport and mobility disruption

Disruption to transport and mobility around the Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez has been assessed as **almost certain**, particularly during peak arrival and departure periods. The [2026 mobility plan](#) outlines transport restrictions and dedicated services to manage spectator movements throughout the event.

- **Public transportation:** The [official event website](#) identifies as the main routes to the circuit [Metro Line 9](#), via Velódromo, Ciudad Deportiva and Puebla stations, and [Trolleybus Line 2](#) serving Ciudad Deportiva, Puerta 8, Puebla and Avenida Río Churubusco. Both [services run](#) until midnight, beginning at 5am Monday to Saturday and 6am on Sunday. [Metrobús Line 2](#) offers an alternative via Iztacalco and UPIICSA stations, while a complimentary shuttle runs between venue gates from 7am to 8pm for ticket holders. The [official circuit and transport map](#) provides further access details.
- **Vehicle restrictions and rideshare services:** Private vehicle access will be limited, with [no public parking available](#). The official mobility plan confirms the lateral carriageway of Río Churubusco adjacent to the venue will be closed. Congestion is expected along major approach roads, including Avenida Añil and Viaducto Río de la Piedad. Higher rideshare fares and longer waiting times are anticipated following sessions. [Designated taxi stands](#) will be available at Gate 15, Calle 47/Avenida 12, Eje 3 Sur Añil/Río Churubusco and Calle de Educadores Físicos. Ticket2Ride services will also run [13 pickup locations](#) across the metropolitan area.
- **Airport connections:** Metro Line 5, accessible from Terminal Aérea station near Terminal 1, and Metrobús Line 4 provide connections from Mexico City International Airport. App-based rideshare services are not authorized to pick up passengers inside the [airport's federal zone](#). Instead, passengers [must use designated pickup areas](#) outside the terminals, located on Circuito Interior Boulevard Puerto Aéreo near Terminal 1 and Avenida Fuerza Aérea Mexicana near Terminal 2.
- **Day of the Dead celebrations:** The October 31 parade is scheduled to begin at 2pm along Paseo de la Reforma toward the Zócalo, overlapping with Grand Prix qualifying at 3pm. The [city's tourism authority](#) identifies the celebrations as a major event likely to

increase demand for public transportation. Additional crowds are [expected around the Zócalo](#) for the “Ofrenda Monumental” from October 29 to November 2 and [along Paseo de la Reforma](#) for the “El Camino” light installation from October 23 to November 8.

Crime targeting attendees

Crime targeting attendees during the 2026 Mexico City Grand Prix has been assessed as **almost certain**. Reporting from previous years indicates that opportunistic theft, ticket resale and fraudulent tickets and credentials occur every year, mainly around access points and on routes to the circuit. Large police deployments mitigate these risks inside the venue. In 2025, [authorities deployed](#) 3,900 police officers, 427 vehicles, 120 motorcycle units, two drones and two helicopters.

Ticket resale and fraud remain the most frequent offenses, as high demand for tickets sustains an active secondary market. In 2025, [police detained 75 people](#), mainly for ticket resale, including [nine people](#) detained in a single operation involving resold tickets. Police also detained three OCESA employees, one of the event organizers, over [cloned tickets](#). In 2022, [police detained 28 people](#) accused of offering forged staff credentials to access restricted areas.

Pickpocketing and phone theft are common in crowded areas, and [authorities warned](#) of pickpocketing during the 2025 event. On the first day of the 2024 Grand Prix, [police arrested two people](#) on suspicion of phone theft. Mexico City hosted multiple FIFA World Cup games earlier this year. During the World Cup opening, [authorities recovered](#) 36 allegedly stolen phones.

Protests and public disruption

Protests affecting the 2026 Mexico City Grand Prix or its access routes have been assessed as **likely**. Two national marches, by Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS) health workers on Friday, October 30, and on race day, November 1, are the main sources of protest-related disruption during the race weekend, although neither is expected to target the circuit.

According to the [movement's call](#), the [IMSS workers' march](#) in Mexico City will depart from the Centro Médico Nacional Siglo XXI at 3pm. On October 13 and 21, similar protests drew thousands of participants who marched from Siglo XXI toward the Zócalo, while workers have maintained a protest camp outside the IMSS headquarters on Paseo de la Reforma since October 8, along the avenue where the Day of the Dead parade will take place.

The race day march was called by Uruapan Mayor Grecia Quiroz to mark [the first anniversary](#) of the killing of her husband, former mayor Carlos Manzo. [Previous mobilizations](#) linked to his killing saw marches from the Ángel de la Independencia toward the Zócalo, and during related protests on November 15, 2025, a hooded group tore down part of the metal fencing around

the National Palace.

Protests have previously reached the circuit itself. On race day in 2024, [judicial workers](#) protesting against the judicial reform gathered at Gate 6 and were surrounded by police, although [race activities](#) continued as planned.

Isolated altercations among spectators are also expected. In 2023, [a fight](#) broke out between spectators in one of the stands on the first day of practice.

Organized crime and terrorism

A terrorist attack or organized criminal violence affecting the 2026 Mexico City Grand Prix has been assessed as **unlikely**.

No reports indicate a specific terrorist threat against the event, and security screening at entry points and police presence around the circuit reduce the risk within the venue. Nevertheless, attacks by lone actors cannot be ruled out, including at fan events, tourist sites, bars and restaurants and public transportation. The US State Department's most recent [travel advisory](#) keeps Mexico City at Level 2, "Exercise Increased Caution," due to terrorism and crime.

Organized criminal violence directly affecting the Grand Prix is not anticipated. Although Mexico City has lower direct exposure to cartel-related violence than other parts of the country, criminal groups [remain active](#) in the capital, engaging in activities such as drug trafficking, extortion and territorial disputes. Armed clashes and road blockades remain a risk across the country.

Online fraud and cybersecurity

Online fraud targeting attendees of the 2026 Mexico City Grand Prix has been assessed as **probable**. High ticket demand and the event's international audience mean fans may be targeted, mainly through fake ticket sales on social media and messaging apps.

In September this year, Mexico City's Cyber Police [issued an alert](#) on fraudulent ticket resale for high-demand events. According to the alert, [scammers advertise](#) in social media groups and messaging apps, using photos of real tickets to deceive buyers. Ahead of the 2025 race, cybersecurity firm [Kaspersky warned](#) of ticket-related scams.

There are no reports of cyber threats against the event's ticketing, broadcasting or operational systems, and an attack of this kind remains **unlikely** compared with fraud targeting individual fans.

Key locations

- **Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez**, including Gates 6 and 12 and the Foro Sol section
- **Metro Line 9:** Velódromo, Ciudad Deportiva and Puebla stations

- **Metrobús Line 2:** Iztacalco and UPIICSA stations
- **Approach roads:** Viaducto Río de la Piedad, Río Churubusco, Avenida Añil, Calzada Ignacio Zaragoza
- **Palacio de los Deportes area**, where ticket resale was reported in 2025
- **Paseo de la Reforma and the Zócalo**, for the Day of the Dead events

GOOGLE MAPS LINK(S)

[Mexico City Grand Prix | 2026 – Samdesk](#): Map of key locations associated with the event, including public transportation stations, major approach roads and areas affected by Day of the Dead celebrations.

RESOURCES

- Mexico City:
 - [Citizen Security / Police](#)
 - [Risk Management and Civil Protection](#)
 - [Government of Mexico City](#)
 - [Metro](#)
- Federal:
 - [National Civil Protection Coordination](#)
 - [Security and Citizen Protection](#)
- Official event sites:
 - [Mexicogp.mx](#)
 - [F1 site](#)
 - [Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez](#)
 - [Official ticketing site](#)
- Maps:
 - Official F1 [map](#)
 - Samdesk [map](#)
- Social media accounts:
 - X:
 - [F1](#)
 - [Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez](#)
 - [Mexico Grand Prix](#)
 - Instagram:
 - [F1](#)
 - [Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez](#)
 - [Mexico Grand Prix](#)

STREAM SUGGESTION

SAMDESK STREAM SUGGESTION

Locations:

- *Centro Histórico, Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez, Mexico City*

Topics:

- *Flash Alerts, Emergency and Safety, Infrastructure*

Incident Filters (Optional):

- *Closure, Blockade, Transit Disruption, Stampede, Active Shooter, Active Attacker, Evacuation, Lockdown, Shooting, Stabbing, Vehicle Ramming, Public Safety Incident, Public Disruption, Planned Protest, Bomb Scare, Suspicious Package, Explosion*

Keywords (Optional):

- *Grand Prix: #MexicoGP, #F1, #F1ESTA, #F1Mexico, #Formula1, #MexicoGP2026, Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez, SSC CDMX*
- *Parade and protest: #DíaDeMuertos, #DíaDeMuertos2026, #GranDesfile, #IMSS, #MegaMarcha*