OSINT Dossier: Jorge Miguel Barajas Hernández ("El Hummer")

Profile

- Full name: Jorge Miguel Barajas Hernández
- Alias: "El Hummer" (not to be confused with Jaime González Durán, Los Zetas founder with same alias, arrested in 2008).
- Trajectory: Mayor of Piedras Negras → Secretary of Public Security under Gov. Miguel Riquelme → currently Subsecretary of Government for the Northern Region under Gov. Manolo Jiménez (Heraldo de México).
- Background: Formerly part of GATES (Grupo de Armas y Tácticas Especiales), Coahuila's "special tactics" unit, later rebranded as Fuerza Coahuila.

Unit Legacy: GATES / Fuerza Coahuila

- GATES repeatedly accused of torture, extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, and collusion with organized crime.
- Rebranded as Fuerza Coahuila in 2016 described locally as "the same mattress with new sheets."
- Barajas appeared at the Fuerza Coahuila rollout as "guest of honor," standing alongside Héctor "El Jaguar" Flores (El Demócrata, 2016).

Pattern of Elite Unit Corruption

- **GAFES (Army special forces):** Deserters formed Los Zetas, applying elite training to organized crime.
- **GOPES** (Tamaulipas police ops): Similar allegations assassinations, collusion, extrajudicial executions.
- Systemic issues:
 - Weapons leakage from state stockpiles into cartels.
 - o Criminal infiltration via ex-military/police recruits.
 - <2% conviction rate in corruption/organized crime cases.
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 - Rollback of transparency reforms → weaker oversight.

Allegations & Evidence

2012 Car-Bombs (Nuevo Laredo):

- El Mañana (Aug 2013) named Barajas as one of the State Police officers who "escorted" the bombs.
- o Case file 78/2013-IV (PGR) referenced in press.
- Alleged coordination with Rolando Velázquez Caballero "El Rolys" (brother of Iván "El Talibán," Los Zetas).

• 2018 Narcomanta:

- Accused Barajas of protecting Flores and enabling extortion/trafficking networks.
- o Not judicial evidence, but notable as public accusation.

• Human Rights Context (2013–14):

 CNDH documented grave violations by Coahuila security forces during Barajas's tenure track.

Visa Revocation (2025)

- Event: On Aug 20, 2025, U.S. revoked Barajas's tourist visa (same action against wife, Sonia Villarreal) at Eagle Pass–Piedras Negras bridge.
- **Reason:** Confidential under U.S. law, but fits established pattern of visa cancellations against Mexican officials with alleged cartel or corruption links.
- **Context:** No public indictment, but intelligence assessments are sufficient for U.S. consular action.

What matters

- Barajas's career arc runs directly through the years of greatest abuse tied to GATES/Fuerza Coahuila.
- Press explicitly named him "bajo proceso judicial" in connection with the 2012 car-bombs, though no resolution is available in public court records.
- The visa revocation highlights how U.S. authorities treat historic, unresolved allegations as actionable intelligence even without new indictments.
- His rise to subsecretary status despite these shadows underscores Mexico's systemic impunity and the recycling of compromised security elites.

Press Defiance: El Mañana, 2013

At the height of cartel censorship in Nuevo Laredo, when most outlets had gone silent under threat, *El Mañana* published an August 2013 front-page story naming Jorge Miguel Barajas Hernández ("El Hummer") among Coahuila State Police officers accused of escorting a car bomb into place. This allegation was tied to case file 78/2013-IV at the PGR. It remains one of the few mainstream press reports to publicly identify Barajas in connection with the 2012 bombings.

Key Sources

- Visa revocation & career arc: Heraldo de México, Diario de Juárez, Reforma.
- Car-bomb case: Vanguardia, El Mañana (Aug 2013), 24 Horas.
- **Human-rights abuses:** CNDH Recomendación 169VG/2024; CMDPDH reports; UT-Austin human-rights study.
- Narcomantas: El Demócrata (2018), Contra Punto Noticias.
- 2016 Fuerza Coahuila presentation: El Demócrata, Punto y Coma.
- **Prison riot aftermath:** EstadoMayor.mx.
- El Mañana (Aug. 13, 2013); Proceso (Aug. 12, 2013); EstadoMayor.mx (2013 recap); Vanguardia (2015 recap

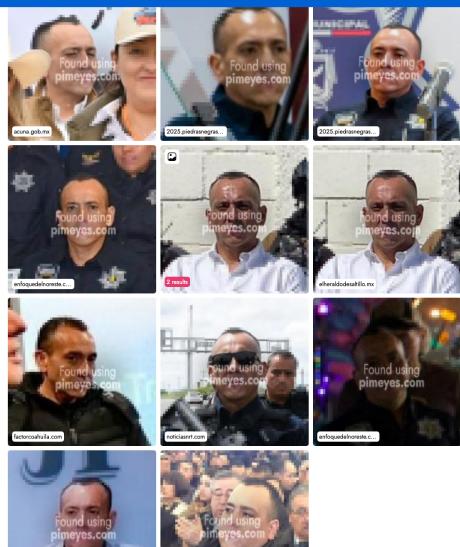
Source Links

- 1. Wikipedia: El Mañana (Nuevo Laredo)
- 2. Estado Mayor original
- 3. Estado Mayor archived, Aug. 2025
- 4. Proceso, Aug. 12, 2013
- 5. El Mañana archived front page, Aug. 13, 2013
- 6. Vanguardia recap
- 7. La Brecha, Apr. 2023

Year/Date	Barajas – Roles & Mentions	GATES / Fuerza Coahuila – Events & Controversies
Pre-2012	Reported as member/commander-track in GATE (Coahuila special police). (Vanguardia)	GATE operating as Coahuila's 'special tactics' arm; unit later draws repeated human-rights abuse accusations. (Vanguardia, CMDPDH)
Jun 2012	Not Mentioned	Car-bomb attacks in Nuevo Laredo (Tamaulipas). Later coverage ties GATE officers to responsibility; arrests/warrants follow. (24 Horas)
Aug 2013	Barajas named in press among GATE officers later 'bajo proceso judicial' tied to 2012 car-bombs. (Vanguardia)	Nuevo Laredo prison riot: two inmates who had accused GATE of fabricating the car bombs are killed in a CEDES riot. (This does not establish responsibility; shows volatility of the case.) (EstadoMayor.mx)
2013–2014	Not Mentioned.	CNDH Recomendación 169VG/2024 finds grave human-rights violations in Coahuila for this period (violations of liberty, security, legality). Institutional context, not a charge naming Barajas personally. (CNDH)
Sep 2015	Vanguardia recap states, per PGJE/PGR, that three GATE officers were arrested and 'bajo proceso judicial,' explicitly naming Jorge Miguel Barajas Hernández ('El Hummers'). Public outcome/disposition not found in open sources.	Ongoing public claims of abuses by GATE (disappearances, torture, illegal detentions) circulate in press/NGO reporting. (CMDPDH)
Feb 2018	Narcomantas in Piedras Negras allege a local commander was 'protegido por Miguel Hernández Barajas 'El Hummer'.' Allegations, not judicial findings. (El Demócrata, Contra Punto Noticias)	Banners also accuse protection networks and describe activities including cobro de piso (extortion) and tráfico de personas (human trafficking). (El Demócrata)

Nov 2023	Proceso notes Barajas had been 'señalado' in 2012 as responsible for a car-bomb in Nuevo Laredo (referring to the same case above).	
Aug 20, 2025	action against his wife, Sonia Villarreal). (El Heraldo de México, El Diario,	Fits 2025 pattern of U.S. visa cancellations affecting Mexican officials. No official U.S. reason given (visa confidentiality). (El Diario)







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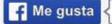
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Oficiales de la Policía Estatal de Coahuila son responsables de actos de terrorismo





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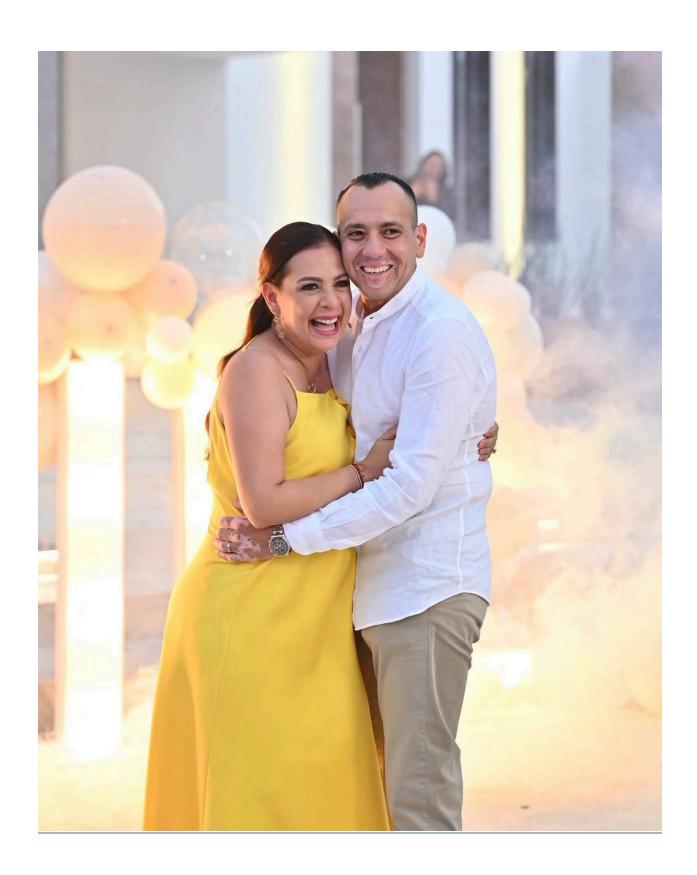








Jorge Miguel Barajas Hernández es uno de los buscados.





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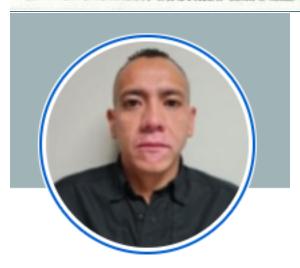


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