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MEXICO

- A key event took place on August 29, 2026, marking the 40th anniversary of the founding of the National Union of Workers of the Mexican Postal Service "Correos de México" (SNTSEPOMEX). The union was officially established on August 29, 1986, in direct response to the decentralization of postal services in Mexico. In this context, the union's General Secretary, Manuel Fermín Acevedo González, issued messages highlighting four decades of labor advocacy. He emphasized that the original goal—strengthening the quality of life for postal workers—remains a priority, alongside the promotion of recreational, cultural, and family-oriented activities for the workforce.
- The agreements and benefits currently in place for employees belonging to the National Union of Workers of the Mexican Postal Service "Correos de México" (SNTSEPOMEX) are structured through internal accords, educational agreements, and the provisions outlined in their current Collective Bargaining Agreement (CCT). Through its Education Secretariat, the union maintains an active professional development campaign for workers and their families, upholding an agreement that offers scholarships and exclusive discounts on online programs.

URUGUAY

- The union led by Paulo Rodríguez has kept dialogue channels open with the director of the National Postal Administration (ANC). Both parties agree on the urgent need to transform the service. The union is actively lobbying for the Uruguayan Postal Service (Correo Uruguayo) to be prioritized as the State's logistics arm. They aim for the state-owned company to take over the entire distribution of public health medications, as well as the delivery of official documents and parcels for government ministries.
- The Association of Postal Workers of Uruguay (AFPU) maintains a long-standing and ongoing critical stance regarding the privatization of labor and services within the Uruguayan Postal Service. For the mobilizations and political dialogue sessions scheduled for late August 2026, AFPU union leaders are grounding their demands in four key arguments: the squandering of financial resources; shortages and a "perception" of inefficiency (which they claim is manufactured); the defense of the Universal Postal Service; and the recognition of labor rights and workplace equality.

BRAZIL

- On August 25, 2026, workers at the state-owned company Correios held mass assemblies across the country. The workforce voted unanimously to reject the company's official proposal for the 2026/2027 Collective Labor Agreement (ACT). Management offered a salary increase of merely 0.82% to 0.87% (equivalent to only a fraction of the inflation accumulated according to the INPC

index). Faced with what they deemed a "humiliating" proposal, regional unions in states such as São Paulo (SINTECT-SP), the Federal District, Paraná, and Paraíba approved a motion for a general strike on September 10, 2026, should the company fail to substantially improve the terms.

- Demonstrations led by groups such as SINTECT-DF—held outside the company's headquarters and government ministries in Brasília—highlighted a deep operational crisis: excessive workloads (with unions citing a severe staffing shortage resulting from corporate restructuring plans) and the closure of branches (criticizing the shutdown and merger of physical locations in the interior, arguing that these measures degrade service to the public). Regarding working hours, the postal union bloc also actively joined national marches in late August to pressure the Senate to end the "6x1" work schedule (six days of work followed by one day of rest).

VENEZUELA

- On August 31, 2026, the National Union of Ipostel Workers issued an official statement addressed to union leadership and workers across the country. The recruitment of new personnel for the state postal institute was formally initiated. The union urged its delegates to coordinate systematically with postal managers in each state to conduct a realistic assessment of service needs. The objective of this census and recruitment drive is to urgently fill operational vacancies at mail and distribution offices nationwide.
- Union groups continued their technical working sessions to review wage negotiation agreements and collective bargaining contracts. Representatives of the postal workforce are evaluating comparative economic reports to demand—from the Human Resources, Planning, and Budget departments—actual compliance with existing contract clauses. The union's priority remains mitigating the significant wage lag affecting the institution's active staff and retirees.

SPAIN

- Major unions such as Comisiones Obreras (CCOO) and CSIF issued urgent warnings during the final days of August regarding the situation at mail delivery offices. CCOO cited the company's vacation staffing plan in announcing historic cuts—reaching up to 36%—to summer reinforcement hiring in regions such as the Northern Area and Cantabria. The union accuses management of masking a model based on permanent workforce reduction with terms like "efficiency" and "transformation." On August 24, the union warned of an operational collapse in provinces like Toledo, where a mere 12 employees were forced to shoulder the workload of 40 standard positions. They warned that the shortage of mail carriers seriously jeopardized the delivery of official state notifications and notices.



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- The Independent Trade Union of Civil Servants (CSIF) formally called upon the entire Correos (Spanish postal service) workforce to stage mass mobilizations starting Thursday, September 3. The protests took shape during the second half of August in response to the "systematic failure to comply" with the Framework Agreement signed on December 31, 2024. The scheduled plan includes rallies at the main offices in every province on September 3 and 17, culminating in a major demonstration in Madrid on September 30.

UNITED KINGDOM

- Throughout August, the legal transition of the agreed-upon reform to relax mail delivery standards continued. Under this new legal framework, it was operationally confirmed that first-class mail would retain Monday-through-Saturday delivery, whereas second-class mail formally shifted to an alternate-day delivery schedule (every other day) from Monday to Friday.
- Issues regarding system overload and operational collapse—identified through an internal census and reports compiled by CWU delegates—revealed that, of the more than 320 delivery offices that had adopted the new scheme by the third week of August, over a third (114 branches) were reporting serious operational problems and chronic performance failures in their distribution services.

UKRAINE

- Attacks on distribution terminals: In late August, Russian military strikes directly impacted the country's logistics infrastructure. Reported incidents included the bombing of a terminal belonging to Ukraine's leading private postal operator, Nova Poshta, in the Odesa region, as well as attacks on delivery trucks in Kharkiv.
- Ukrainian trade union activists and delegates (such as those from the WSSU and VPMPU) participated in intensive programs on strategic organizing and union resilience at cooperation centers in Poland. Supported by the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU), these workshops focused on equipping representatives with tools for strategic communication and campaign planning to protect labor rights amidst prolonged crisis conditions.

PORTUGAL

- Temporary suspension of shipments to the U.S.: Effective August 26, CTT Portugal implemented a temporary suspension of parcel and commercial goods shipments to the United States. This unexpected measure was a response to the end of tariff exemptions (the *de minimis* regime) imposed by the U.S. government.
- In late August, the Federation of Transport and Communications Unions (FECTRANS) led a mobilization of CTT logistics workers. They denounced an alarming shortage of personnel at urban distribution centers and called for an end to the working conditions and schedule deregulation that are affecting the health of postal workers.

TAIWAN

- Reports presented to the Legislative Yuan revealed a critical workforce gap; although the authorized staffing level exceeds 27,000 positions, more than 2,300 posts remained vacant. Union representatives argued that a lack of automation and the company's inability to retain new hires are forcing active mail carriers and delivery personnel to work grueling hours to complete their delivery routes. The union formally demanded an urgent hiring plan and an end to the excessive workload.
- Worker dissatisfaction was also linked to the handling of international e-commerce parcels. Because Chunghwa Post lacks the digital infrastructure to process upfront payments for new European Union tariffs (the DDP mechanism), the company continued to suspend shipments from online stores to EU countries.

NEW ZEALAND

- The Postal Workers Union has advanced a test case in the Employment Court seeking to have three NZ Post delivery contractors classified as formal employees with full rights. The logistics sector is closely monitoring these proceedings, as the outcome could force the state-owned enterprise to fundamentally overhaul its delivery driver subcontracting model.
- Removal of postal counters: The plan involved withdrawing physical postal services from 142 partner retail outlets—such as pharmacies and local shops—and shifting urban service provision toward low-cost self-service options. Union representatives criticized the move, noting that it significantly increased the workload at remaining main hubs and undermined job security within community networks.

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