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On July 17, 2019, Joaquín Guzmán Loera, commonly known as “El Chapo”, was sentenced to life in prison in New York. He was accused of carrying out illegal drug trade in almost one-third of the world's countries in the West. El Chapo, however, denied accuses against him and complained of not being trialed fairly by the judge.

El Chapo was on trial for the last three months. He was charged with smuggling of enormously huge quantities of cocaine from Mexico to the United States. The shipping of Cocaine to other countries was also in large quantity. He was head of smuggling cocaine in Mexico. Under his control, numerous killings took place. He has been successful in escaping from the Mexican prisons two times until he was rearrested in 2016 and taken to the US for confinement and prosecution (NBC News, n.p).

He has been put in “Alcatraz of the Rockies”, a prison in Florida, where he will be confined for more than thirty years. Aged 62, he is most likely to die in jail before his release. He will stay in a cell that has a four-inch window only to interact with the outside world. It is a due punishment to such a violent gangster.

The US and Mexican Governments view his capture and sentence as their success and end to the drug mafia in the Western hemisphere. However, research indicates that the mafia organization, Sinaloa Cartel, continues its activities in Mexico the same as before (Dudley, n.p). The Sinaloa Cartel depicts a horizontal management model that allows decision-making all

across the organization. This is opposite to the vertical hierarchy wherein the top management alone has the right to make decisions. El Chapo has been replaced by El Mayo, Ismael Zambada Garcia. Zambada is running the drug business smoothly.

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