

4,000 agents to guard North American summit

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A total of 4,000 agents from Mexico, the United States and Canada will be safeguarding the security of Guadalajara, regional capital of the Mexican state of Jalisco, during the North America Leaders' Summit set to open there Sunday, local authorities said Thursday.

Jalisco's Public Security director Luis Carlos Najera told the press on Thursday that the summit will be guarded by 2,000 agents from the Mexican Presidential Staff, and agents from the U.S. secret service and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have also joined the guarding legions.

The authorities have not yet announced the summit's agenda or the venues of activities for security reasons. But it is believed that the Cultural Institute Cabanas, the Government Palace of Jalisco and Guadalajara's City Hall would host some of the activities.

Najera said state police agents will be ready to act in case of outbreaks of violence during possible protests.

During the summit, Mexican President Felipe Calderon, U.S. President Barack Obama and Canadian

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will discuss the international economic crisis, inter-border security, the fight against drug trafficking and responses to the A/H1N1 influenza epidemic.

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