

TODAY'S MEDIA TRENDS

CRONICA

AUGUST 25, 2026

THE GDELT PROJECT

ARGENTINA: SYSTEMIC INSOLVENCY & INSTITUTIONAL DECAY AMID POLARIZED LEADERSHIP

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

Delinquency Crisis Top 15 Globally, 66% Households Exhaust Funds by 20th. Pluriempleo & Fintech Reliance for Survival.	Macro/Micro Decoupling Decelerating Inflation (1.6% Projected) vs. Working Class & Retiree Reality. Wages Stagnant, Triple-Digit Inflation.	Institutional Instability Systemic Human Rights Violations (Magdalena Prison Torture) & Labor Unrest (Granja Iris Mass Layoffs).	Leadership & Security President Milei's "Emotional Stability" Questioned. Tenuous Citizen Security Prompts Grassroots Solidarity.
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MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS & KEY STORIES

 Global Financial Pariah: 25% in Arrears, 90 Trillion Pesos Debt. Top 15.	 Magdalena Prison Crisis: 15 Officials Arrested for Systemic Abuse & Sexual Violence.	 Granja Iris Labor Conflict: Strike over 12 Layoffs, "Invented Causes," and Harassment.	 Psychiatric Scrutiny: Milei's Presumptive Psychosis Diagnosis (Megalomania, Lack of Empathy).	 Génesis School Violence: 13-Year-Old's Skull Fracture, Educational Negligence. Crowdfunding for Prosthesis.
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KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS & TRENDS

 Macroeconomics & Trade: "Downward Trend" in Delinquency (Small Debts for Current Expenses). Dollar Blue Peak 1,565. Debt/GDP Stable (Long Term).	 Civil Unrest & Social Order: Insecurity & Brutal Crimes (Mar del Plata Home Invasion). Shift to "Mano Dura" & Self-Defense (Police Kill Assaultants).	 Leadership Dynamics & Governance: Milei's "Bunker Mentality," Phone Confiscations. Central Bank Reform & "Permanent Debt Cycles".
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DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

 Nigerianization of Debt: Household Insolvency, Fintech Loans, & Shadow Economy Defaults.	 Institutional Cruelty: Weaponized Procedures (IOMA Refusals), Punitive Oversight (Magdalena Prison).	 Public Credibility vs. Reality: High Government Confidence (Information Warfare) vs. Material Deterioration (Eating Once a Day).
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INTERNAL & EXTERNAL DYNAMICS

 Internal Instability: Elite Infighting (Confiscated Phones), Institutional Decay (Labor/Debt Disputes), Rise of Informal Justice.	 External Posture: Struggle for Financial Re-Integration (Extractive Industries), Hostile Threat Matrix (Credit Risk), Internal Austerity (To Avoid Default).
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THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

 Recessionary Stabilization: Primary Surplus via Cuts. Middle Class Liquidated. Key Vectors: Currency (Blue 1,565), Inflation (1.6% Proj.), Debt (25% in Arrears), Labor (55.4% Pluriempleo), Retail (Lowest Meat Consumption).

LEADERSHIP, RISK & OUTLOOK

 Leadership Changes: Penitentiary Director Removed. Milei's "Propaganda Offensive". New DDI Head.	 Risk Assessment: High Risk. Debt-Driven Explosion, Institutional Collapse, Vigilante Justice, Currency Run, Educational Failure.	 Hypotheses & Outlook: Social Fragmentation, Economic "Black Hole", Political Inflection Point. Contrarian Scenarios (Controlled Crisis, Psychosis Gambit, Black Swan).	 Recommendations & Legislative Roundup: Security Reform, Financial Regulation, Educational Health. Central Bank Charter Reform, Fiscal Innocence Act, Indebtedness Bill.
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ARGENTINA GRAPPLES WITH SYSTEMIC ECONOMIC INSOLVENCY AND INSTITUTIONAL DECAY AMIDST POLARIZED LEADERSHIP

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

Argentina is currently navigating a period of profound socio-economic distress, characterized by a **delinquency crisis** that places the nation among the top 15 most financially irregular countries globally. The intersection of stagnant wages, triple-digit inflation, and escalating debt is forcing approximately **66% of households** to exhaust their funds before the 20th of the month, leading to a surge in "pluriempleo" (multiple jobs) and reliance on high-interest fintech credits for basic survival [necessities like food](#). While the administration of Javier Milei points to a decelerating inflation rate (projected at 1.6% for August) as a triumph of its "libercambista" model, domestic indicators reveal a **decoupling** between macroeconomic stabilization and the microeconomic reality of the working class and retirees.

Institutional stability is further challenged by harrowing reports of systemic human rights violations and labor unrest. The detention of

15 penitentiary officials for torture and sexual abuse at the Magdalena prison, coupled with **mass layoffs** under alleged "invented causes" at major food production facilities like Granja Iris, highlights a fraying social contract. Concurrently, the psychological fitness of President Milei has become a central theme of political discourse, with medical professionals and labor leaders questioning his **emotional stability** and "lack of empathy" amidst a legislative push to reform the Central Bank and implement "fiscal innocence" laws [that critics label](#) as a surrender of sovereignty. The day's events portray a nation where citizen security—both physical and financial—is increasingly tenuous, prompting a resurgence of grassroots solidarity to fill the gaps left by state and corporate failures.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Global Financial Pariah Status:** Argentina has entered the "Top 15" list of countries with the highest rates of **financial delinquency**, ranking alongside nations such as Nigeria, Mozambique, and Angola. Reports indicate that **25% of Argentines** are in arrears, with total household debt reaching **90 trillion pesos** [at the national level](#).
- **Magdalena Prison Human Rights Crisis:** The judiciary ordered the arrest of **15 members of the Buenos Aires Penitentiary Service**, including the director of Unit 51, following allegations of "abuses and tortures." Victims reported **systemic sexual violence**, mock drownings, and being left without water for 12 hours [after internal disturbances](#).

- **Labor Conflict at Granja Iris:** Workers at the Granja Iris food processing plant in Moreno have launched a strike following the dismissal of at least **12 employees** under "invented causes." The conflict centers on a new management style that allegedly uses **hostilamiento** (harassment), such as monitoring bathroom breaks and withholding health certificates, to **avoid paying indemnities** [during a production slowdown](#).
- **Psychiatric Scrutiny of President Milei:** Prominent psychiatrist José Abasolo presented a **presumptive diagnosis of psychosis** regarding President Milei, citing megalomania, lack of empathy, and "permanent contradictions" as signs of a personality disorder. This adds momentum to calls from labor leaders for a **juicio por insania** (insanity trial) [within the Congress](#).
- **Génesis School Violence Case:** The case of 13-year-old Génesis, who suffered a **skull fracture** during a school bullying incident, has become a symbol of educational negligence. The family is currently crowdfunding **14 million pesos** for a cranial prosthesis as the school reportedly failed to provide even **basic medical assistance** [following the assault](#).

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Macroeconomics & Trade: The administration is celebrating a "downward trend" in delinquency despite reports that **40% of debtors** owe less than 400,000 pesos, suggesting they are borrowing for **current expenses** rather than investment. The **dollar blue** reached a nominal historical peak of **1,565 pesos**, while the government maintains that the relation between debt and GDP is stable [in the long term](#).

Civil Unrest & Social Order: Insecurity remains a critical failure of local governance, highlighted by a **brutal robbery in Mar del Plata** where a family was threatened with having their child's tongue cut off with a hockey stick [during a home invasion](#). Public sentiment is shifting toward "mano dura" (hard hand) as citizens increasingly defend themselves with firearms, leading to incidents where **police officers in La Matanza** killed three assailants during an attempted carjacking [in their own driveway](#).

Leadership Dynamics & Governance: President Milei has reportedly **isolated himself** from leaks, requiring legislators to leave their **mobile phones in bags** before meetings at the Casa Rosada [to ensure discipline](#). This "bunker mentality" coincides with efforts to push a **reform of the Central Bank's charter**, which critics argue will enable **permanent debt cycles** and the potential seizure of international reserves [as collateral](#).

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The "Nigerianization" of Argentine Debt
Analysts note a disturbing trend where Argentina is losing its middle-class stability and joining a **sub-tier of global economies** defined by high informal delinquency. Unlike previous crises driven by state default, the current threat is **household insolvency**. The proliferation of **fintech loans** and "rompehuesos" (informal debt collectors) suggests a shadow economy that the **Central Bank cannot regulate**, leading to a potential explosion of private **defaults by year-end if wages remain frozen**.

Institutional Cruelty as a Management Tool
A recurring theme across the transcripts

is the **weaponization of administrative procedures** against vulnerable populations. This is seen in **IOMA's (provincial healthcare) refusal** to pay therapeutic assistants for children with disabilities despite court orders [to the contrary](#), and in the **Magdalena prison** where torture was reportedly overseen by high-ranking officials [to maintain order](#). The state's posture appears to have shifted from service provision to **punitive oversight**.

Public Credibility vs. Material Reality A paradoxical trend emerges: while the **Di Tella University index** shows a 6.4% **increase in government confidence**, the material conditions (wages, food security) continue to deteriorate. This suggests that the administration's **information warfare**—framing the current pain as a necessary "masterclass" in fiscal responsibility—is effectively maintaining a **political floor** of 41% support, even as people admit to **eating only once a day** [in the streets of Buenos Aires](#).

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Domestic stability is at a **pre-explosive stage**. The fragmentation is visible along the following lines:

- **Elite Infighting:** The Milei administration is increasingly at odds with its own "dialoguista" allies. The requirement to **confiscate phones** during strategy meetings signals a **deep distrust** within the libertarian bloc [and its partners](#).

- **Institutional Decay:** The justice system is struggling to manage the volume of **labor complaints** (Granja Iris) and **debt disputes**. Labor leaders like Rodolfo Aguiar (ATE) are openly calling for **psychiatric evaluations** of the executive, indicating a breakdown in **institutional respect and collaboration**.
- **Social Order:** The rise of **informal justice**—neighborhoods marching to support merchants who kill thieves and the emergence of "neighborhood debt clubs"—suggests that the population is **decoupling from official state structures** to solve their **immediate problems** [and security threats](#).

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Argentina's external posture is being framed as a **struggle for financial re-integration** at the cost of national sovereignty. The administration seeks to portray the country as a "zone of opportunity" for **extractive industries** (oil, gas, mining), while critics warn that the **proposed legislative reforms** will allow for the **embargo of Central Bank reserves** by international creditors [in future disputes](#).

Furthermore, the **geopolitical framing** of the news emphasizes a "hostile threat matrix" where Argentina is compared unfavorably to its neighbors (Chile, Brazil) in terms of **credit risk and stability**. The administration's rhetoric focuses on "ending populism" to appease global markets, yet the **lack of new international financing** forces a defensive posture, relying on **internal austerity** to avoid a **sovereign default** [before the 2027 elections](#).

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic environment is characterized by **recessionary stabilization**. While the government maintains a **primary surplus**, this is achieved through the **suspension of infrastructure projects** and the **devaluation of real wages**. The middle class is being **liquidated** as consumption of meat hits historical lows and utility costs soar **over 900%** since December 2023.

Key Economic Vectors:

- **Currency:** Dólar Blue reached **1,565 pesos**; Dólar MEP at **1,538 pesos**; Dólar CCL at **1,602 pesos** [nominal peak](#).
- **Inflation:** August projection **1.6% - 1.9%**; however, wholesale prices **exclude services**, masking the impact on **households** [and small businesses](#).
- **Debt Delinquency:** **13% to 25%** of the population is in "mora" (arrears); 48% of fintech users are **currently delinquent** [on their payments](#).
- **Labor Market:** Pluriempleo affects **55.4% of workers**, with a significant **gender gap** as 56% of those with multiple jobs are women [trying to sustain homes](#).
- **Retail/Consumption:** Consumption of meat is at its **lowest level per capita** in the 21st century; **61.2% of people** report taking on new debt **in the last six months** [for food](#).

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The day's reports suggest a **consolidation of the "inner circle"** and a purge of dissenting institutional voices.

- **Diana Balmaceda:** The **Director of the Penitentiary Service** was **removed and allotted** following the Magdalena torture scandal, signaling a **crisis in correctional leadership** [in Buenos Aires province](#).
- **Javier Milei:** Maintaining a "bunker" leadership style at the **Quinta de Olivos**, Milei has tasked officials with a **social media propaganda offensive** to combat the narrative of **economic crisis** [and delinquency](#).
- **Luis Pérez Bianchi:** Appointed as the new head of the **DDI in General Pueyrredón** (Mar del Plata) to combat the **outbreak of violent home invasions** and carjackings [in the coastal region](#).

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The editorial hierarchy for Crónica TV was dominated by **economic survival narratives** and **raw citizen suffering**. The "Lead Stories" were the **delinquency rankings** and the **Génesis school violence case**, using emotive, high-urgency language ("drama," "horror," "desperate"). The network adopted a **populist, skeptical tone**, frequently counter-posing government claims of a "stable economy" with **man-on-the-street interviews** where people admitted to **not being able to afford shoes** or meat. A "Buried Story" was the **Aeroparque closure**, which received minimal airtime compared to the **Magdalena prison scandal**. A conspicuous omission was a deep analysis of the **international geopolitical alignment**

behind the new debt proposals; the focus remained **strictly domestic**.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The subtext of the day's coverage paints a picture of a nation **drifting toward the periphery** of the global economic system, characterized by **institutional ineptitude** and **mesiánico leadership**.

- **Argentina:** Portrayed as a "chaotic" and "insolvent" actor **internally**, yet resilient in its **informal solidarity between citizens**. "Argentina is in the top 15 of countries with the most delinquency... it is a privilege to be with those other 14 countries."
- **Javier Milei:** Framed as "inept" and "psychologically unstable" by critics, yet "principled" in his **dogmatic pursuit** of fiscal balance. "We have a president who suffers from psychosis... he lives in his own fiction" [according to labor leaders](#).
- **The Banking Sector:** Portrayed as "predatory" and "corrupt," profiting from **usurious interest rates** while being shielded by **state policy and regulatory neglect**.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The day was marked by a **battle of narratives** between the "macroeconomic triumph" and the "microeconomic tragedy."

actors are weaponizing information in the following ways:

- **Government Propaganda:** The administration is **seeding the narrative** that delinquency is merely a result of people **irresponsibly buying televisions** for the World Cup, rather than **systemic poverty or rising costs**.
- **Censorship & Control:** The **confiscation of mobile phones** during legislative meetings indicates an effort to **control the leak environment** and project **monolithic unity within the ruling party**.
- **Psychological Operations:** Debt collection agencies are using **psychological intimidation**, calling relatives and **threatening allotted assets** for debts as small as **10,000 pesos to force payment**.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Social Fragmentation:** The rise of **private firearms use** for self-defense and the **informalization of the labor market** will lead to "gray zones" where the **state's monopoly on force and regulation** is no longer functional.
- **Economic "Black Hole":** If a **debt jubilee or restructuring** for households is not implemented, the **banking sector** will eventually face a **liquidity crisis** as the 25% delinquency rate **filters upward into larger assets**.
- **Political Inflection Point:** The 2027 electoral cycle has been **prematurely triggered**. The administration will likely **radicalize its discourse** against the "caste" to distract from **economic contraction and social unrest**.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a **spike in labor strikes** in the food and transportation sectors following the **Granja Iris conflict**. The **Génesis case** will likely spark **protests against school authorities** for negligence in bullying cases [across Buenos Aires](#).

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The **reform of the Central Bank's charter** will be debated, likely resulting in **legal challenges** over the **sovereignty of reserves**. Inflation may stay low, but **unemployment** is expected to **rise past 10% by year-end**.

Long Term (1-5 Years): Argentina risks a **structural shift** toward a **dual-class society** where the **informal economy** (bartering, cash-only, unlicensed services) becomes the **primary survival mechanism** for **half the population** [if credit remains frozen](#).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The transcripts reveal a **high-risk environment** where economic volatility meets **institutional erosion**.

- **Debt-Driven Social Explosion:** A widespread **household debt default** could trigger mass **utility cut-offs** and **evictions**. Triggers: Further utility **hikes of 900%+**. Likelihood: **High**. Impact: **Catastrophic**. Mitigations: Implementation of a **household debt restructuring plan** [by the Central Bank](#).

- **Institutional Collapse of Law Enforcement:** Corruption and **cruelty in the penitentiary service** (Magdalena) leads to **mass prison riots**. Triggers: Judicial **stagnation of the 15 arrests**. Likelihood: **Moderate**. Impact: **High**. Mitigations: **Civilian oversight** of prison **management** [and rapid sentencing](#).
- **Vigilante Justice Escalation:** Citizens **arming themselves** in response to **violent robberies** leads to **accidental civilian deaths**. Triggers: High-profile **child-victim crimes** like the **Mar del Plata home invasion**. Likelihood: **High**. Impact: **Moderate to High**. Mitigations: **Increased visible policing** in commercial zones [and residential Wilde](#).
- **Currency Run:** The **dólar blue** breaks the **1,600 peso barrier**, triggering a **retail price shock**. Triggers: Failure to **pass Central Bank reforms**. Likelihood: **Moderate**. Impact: **Severe**. Mitigations: **Stabilizing interest rates** to discourage **dolarization** [of savings](#).
- **Educational Failure & Youth Violence:** Unaddressed bullying leading to **fatalities** at schools. Triggers: **Failure to pay for Génesis's prosthesis**. Likelihood: **High**. Impact: **High Social Anger**. Mitigations: **Mandatory anti-bullying protocols** and **state-funded medical emergency kits** [in all public schools](#).

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

The news cycle failed to address several **strategic variables** necessary for a complete analysis:

- **Drug Trafficking Networks:** While one **Libertarian councilor** was arrested for drug sales, the **broader ecosystem** of how these networks **fund political campaigns** remains **unexplored** [in Bragado](#).
- **Impact of Agrarian "Cisne Negro":** The **U.S. decision to buy 300,000 tons of meat** at zero tariff could **starve the domestic market**, but the **implications for domestic beef prices** were not **fully calculated** [by the experts](#).
- **Ana María Díaz Case:** The **14-day delay** in the missing person investigation in Lugano **masks the possibility** of human trafficking in **Santiago del Estero** [which was only briefly mentioned](#).
- **Central Bank Reserve Solvency:** The **government claims "zero net debt"** while simultaneously **reforming the law** to allow the **embargo of reserves**, a **contradiction that went unchallenged** [by the host](#).

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **Scenario 1: Controlled Crisis as Political Strategy.** The apparent **economic "Nigerianization"** is not a failure but a **deliberate strategy** to **force the dollarization** of the economy by **rendering the peso useless** for **household credit**. This would explain why the government **refuses to intervene** in the **delinquency crisis** [among the poor](#).

- **Scenario 2: The "Psychosis" Gambit.** The leaks regarding **Milei's mental health** may be a **stalling tactic** by the political establishment (the "caste") to **delegitimize radical reforms** before they can **permanently restructure the Central Bank** [and fiscal policy](#).
- **Black Swan Event:** A **massive cyber-failure** or "system error" in the banking sector (similar to the **Banco Piano incident**) that **permanently wipes out** retiree accounts, triggering a **19-style nationwide rebellion** [starting in the suburbs](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security Reform:** Immediately implement **transparency and camera protocols** in all **provincial prisons** to prevent a **total breakdown of order** [after the Magdalena detentions](#).
- **Financial Regulation:** Establish **interest rate caps** for **fintech providers** to prevent **social predatory lending** [against the working class](#).
- **Educational Health:** Fund a **national bullying emergency response** to avoid **catastrophic injuries** like those in the **Génesis case** [in public schools](#).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chain Resilience:** Diversify **food logistics** to avoid **labor-driven bottlenecks** as **frigorífico strikes** like **Granja Iris** spread [due to management conflicts](#).

- **Risk Allocation:** Prepare for **increased capital volatility** as the **dollar blue** tests the **1,600 peso level** [in early September](#).
- **Compliance:** Monitor **regulatory shifts** regarding **Central Bank charter changes** that could impact **foreign-held assets** [in Argentina](#).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The legislative agenda is currently focused on **dismantling the protective mechanisms** of the Central Bank and **deregulating the financial sector** to attract foreign capital at any cost.

- **BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:**

- **Reform of the Central Bank Charter:** A proposal to **eliminate Article 61** of the Law of Financial Administration to allow for the **embargo of reserves** as debt collateral [in future loans](#).
- **Fiscal Innocence Act:** A project aimed at **ceasing the pursuit** of large taxpayers as **criminals**, providing "previsibility" for investors [according to the ruling party](#).
- **Indebtedness Bill:** A proposed law in the **City of Buenos Aires** to protect citizens from **abuses by debt collectors** [and predatory lenders](#).

- **HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:**

- **Legislative-Executive Meeting:** A **closed-door session** at Casa Rosada where **legislators' phones were confiscated** to **coordinate the parliamentary offensive** [for upcoming reforms](#).
- **Magdalena Judicial Statement:** A hearing where **victims of the prison abuse** detailed **violations by 15 guards** [at the Magdalena penal unit](#).

KEY STORIES

- **Argentine Delinquency Crisis:** The country ranks in the **top 15 globally** for financial **non-compliance**, with 25% of the population **unable to pay their debts** [due to inflation and wage stagnation](#).
- **Magdalena Prison Torture:** **15 penitentiary officials arrested** for a series of **systemic abuses** and **sexual violence** against female inmates in **Buenos Aires province** [during August](#).
- **Granja Iris Layoffs & Strike:** Moreno workers **blockade a food plant** after **12 dismissals** for "invented causes," alleging management is **punishing union activity** [and avoiding indemnities](#).
- **The Case of Génesis:** A 13-year-old girl in **Lomas de Zamora** needs **14 million pesos** for a cranial prosthesis after **brutal school bullying** [left her near death](#).
- **Missing Person Ana María Díaz:** A Lugano mother of two is **missing for 14 days** after a conflict involving **violence and potential sexual exploitation** [in Santiago del Estero](#).
- **Milei Cabinet Meeting:** The President tasks ministers with a **social media offensive** to **deny the debt crisis** and **highlight minor macroeconomic wins** [following a 3-hour session](#).
- **La Matanza Police Shootout:** Two **police officers kill three criminals** during a violent **carjacking attempt** at their home in **La Matanza** [on Tuesday evening](#).
- **Mar del Plata Home Invasion:** Four criminals **molest and beat** a family, **threatening a child** with a **hockey stick** to steal a **Toyota Amarok** [and 300,000 pesos](#).

- **Councilor Arrested for Drug Sales:** A **Libertarian councilor in Bragado**, Germán Díaz, was **detained for distributing cocaine** and marijuana [from his home](#).
- **Aeroparque Closure:** The main **domestic airport** in Buenos Aires **closes for 55 hours for runway maintenance** [starting Tuesday morning](#).
- **Missing Persons "Renzo" Juicio:** The trial for the **2022 murder of 4-year-old Renzo** begins, with his mother and her partner **facing triple-aggravated homicide charges** [in Quilmes](#).
- **Chaco High-Speed Pursuit:** Chaco police **shoot out the tires of two stolen Toyota Hilux trucks** after a **high-speed chase across Route 11**.
- **IOMA Health Protest:** **Therapeutic assistants** protest in Mar del Plata over **120-day delays in health payments for disabled children** [in Buenos Aires province](#).
- **Retiree Accounts "Wiped":** A reported **system error at Banco Piano** left many **retirees with zero balances**, sparking **panic and investigation into account security**.
- **Nico & Benja Mantero Case:** An ex-Uber driver and his son **selling socks in the subway** to survive after **losing their vehicle** [during the economic crisis](#).

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