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four main scenarios, it added.

The military has cordoned off part
of the Sochi shore, with soldiers

standing in a chain and motor boats
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Russian troops at the Hmeimim air-
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Thousands attend Mexican girl's party after viral invitation to all

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MEXICO. Thousands of people have
attended a girl's birthday party in
Mexico, after her parent's video in-
vitation to "everyone" went viral on
social media.

Family members had to move away
an army of waiting reporters so Rubi
Ibarra Garcia could attend a Mass in
La Joya community, central Mexico.

She was celebrating her 15th birth-
day, a traditional coming-of-age party
in Mexico known as "quinceanera".

More than 1.2 million people had ear-
lier vowed to attend the party.

However, the father later said the
idea had been to invite neighbours
and friends only - while stressing he
would not turn anyone away.

On Monday, dozens of tents and
tables filled with food were prepared
for those who made the journey.

They were met by Rubi, who
looked serene despite the crowds,
wearing a fuchsia dress and a tiara.
In the video posted online earlier
this month, the girl's father said that



Birthday girl. Rubi Ibarra Garcia

"everyone is welcome" to the party
featuring three local bands, a meal
and a horse race.

The footage shows Crescencio
Ibarra standing next to his daughter
Rubi and wife Anaelda Garcia.

"Hello, how are you? We invite
you this December 26 to the 15th
birthday party of our daughter, Rubi
Ibarra Garcia," Mr Ibarra says, while
his daughter smiles. He then goes on
to announce that the winner of the
horse race to be held as part of the
event stands to win 10,000 pesos.

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