

El Comercio Digital Archive

Peru's Newspaper of Record

Founded in 1839, *El Comercio* (Commerce) is the longest-running newspaper in Peru and one of the oldest Spanish-language newspapers in the world. It is considered Peru's newspaper of record and is one of the most influential newspapers in South America—with a circulation of over 100,000.

During the War of the Pacific (1879–1883), *El Comercio* was closed for a period of four years during the Chilean occupation of Lima. Following the war, *El Comercio* was sold to the Miro Quesada family and emerged as Peru's most authoritative news source.

El Comercio was expropriated for a period of six years during the Revolutionary Government of the Armed Forces of Peru (1968–1980) and was thereafter returned to its owners.

Over the years, *El Comercio* has provided unique coverage of important events in Peruvian and South American history, including the Guano Era (1845–1866), the Peruvian Civil War (1865), the Amazon Rubber Boom (1879–1912), the third era of military dictatorships (1930–1939), the Fujimori presidency and “Fujishock” (1990–2000), and Peru's ongoing political crisis (2017–).

Key Stats

- **Archive:** 1839-2023
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Frequency:** Daily
- **City:** Lima
- **Country:** Peru
- **Format:** PDF, page-based
- **Producer:** East View Information Services
- **Platform:** East View Global Press Archive

About the Archive

The El Comercio Digital Archive is a valuable resource for scholars of history and Latin American studies and is the only complete FIFT digital archive of this eminent Peruvian title. The archive contains all obtainable published issues from 1839 on, with an additional year's worth of content added on an annual basis. The archive offers scholars the most comprehensive collection available for this title, and features full page-level digitization, complete original graphics, and searchable text.

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