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CARAVAN AND MIGRANT CRISIS FLOW UPDATE

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(U//LES) **Migrants Begin Dispersing from Piedras Negras**

(U//LES) **Current Update #39:**

(U//LES) Three commercial buses were staged at the Piedras Negras shelter during the afternoon of 12 February; the buses were destined for Hermosillo, Sonora state, Reynosa, Tamaulipas state, and Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, according to CBP information.^[i] Coahuila state officials plan to move the caravan migrants to Hermosillo, Reynosa, and Monterrey, in an effort to avoid further supporting them in Piedras Negras, according to CBP information.^[ii] Five buses are scheduled to depart Piedras Negras today. One bus with 45 migrants will go to Nuevo Laredo. One bus with 49 migrants will go to Hermosillo for employment. Two buses with an unknown amount of migrants will head to Saltillo for employment. Finally, one bus is taking 160 migrants to Mexico City for repatriation. Mexican officials in Piedras Negras started permitting migrants with humanitarian visitor cards to leave the shelter. As of 12 February, the Mexican National Migration Institute (INM) registered 1,421 migrants in Piedras Negras and delivered 213 humanitarian visitor cards, according to an INM verified social media account.^[iii] INM is metering its distribution of visitor cards to prevent large groups from exiting simultaneously, according to State Department reporting.^[iv]

(U//LES) Approximately 800 migrants who were located in Guanajuato on 12 February indicated their destination was Tijuana, and were waiting on rides to continue to Irapuato, according to Mexican Federal Police (PF) information. Separately, 569 migrants departed Queretaro for Mexicali on 12 February, and would be taking an easterly route through Zacatecas and Durango states as compared to the October 2018 caravan that traveled through Jalisco and Sinaloa states, according to shelter officials.^[v]

(U//LES) Approximately 1,500 migrants were located between Puebla state and Mexico City (CDMX) as of 12 February, according to CBP and PF information.^{[vi],[vii]} A group of 200 who arrived at the Jesus Martinez Palillo Stadium on 11 February expressed their dissatisfaction with CDMX officials' "strict rules." CDMX officials stopped registering migrants to access the stadium after preventing three Pueblo Sin Fronteras members, who CDMX officials considered conflictive, from entering the stadium. The organizers urged the migrants to continue to Queretaro.

(U//LES) Approximately 1,000 migrants—approximately 700 of which are Cuban—are transiting Panama to attempt to join caravans traveling to the United States, according to open source information. The remainder comprises Haitians, Africans, and Venezuelans.^[viii]

(U//LES) In addition to movements from the January 2019 Caravan^[1], CBP is monitoring the movement of two other large groups of migrants currently in Mexico, totaling 15,230 migrants, as well as the possible formation new caravans in Honduras and El Salvador. The January 2019 migrant caravan totals 3,145. The second group (11,183), the majority of whom registered for a humanitarian visitor card, constitutes the migrant crisis flow^[2]. The third group is the remaining members of the October 2018 caravan waiting in Mexicali (100) and Tijuana (802).^[ix] As the migrants move through Mexico, the various groups are becoming intermingled, challenging efforts to distinguish between specific group locations.

(U//LES) January 2019 Caravan:

(U//LES) The caravan, which formed and departed from Honduras and El Salvador between 14 and 16 January, **was estimated to be 3,345 people before Mexican officials began deporting migrants from Piedras Negras**, according to CBP reporting. Approximately 2,000 caravan migrants arrived to Piedras Negras, Coahuila state as of 7 February, while the remainder who initially paused in Ciudad Hidalgo for humanitarian visitor cards are likely interspersed with the migration crisis flow. Of the approximately 2,000 migrants who have arrived to Piedras Negras, 1,656 remained in the shelter as of 12 February. The remainder are likely in hotels or private homes offering to shelter migrants. **Caravan migrants will likely depart the Piedras Negras shelter and disperse to search for the quickest and most efficient method of claiming asylum in the United States.**

(U//LES) Possible New Caravan Formation

(U//LES) CBP is tracking social media posts for three new possible caravans forming in Honduras and El Salvador. The potential Honduran caravan—estimated at 1,500 participants—is set to depart on 16 February and the two possible caravans departing El Salvador are scheduled for 14 February and 16 February, according to social media.

(U//LES) Migration Crisis Flow

(U//LES) INM has registered 11,183 migrants that CBP considers part of the migration crisis flow. GoM officials stopped registering migrants after acknowledging that the humanitarian visitor card created a pull factor, leading to unsustainable concentrations of migrants at the border, challenging Mexico's capacity to process humanitarian visitor cards and shelter migrants, according to Department of State and open source information.^{[x],[xi]} INM has stated that they will continue to process migrants through the Border Worker Visitor Card and the Regional Visitor Card, which the GoM will extend beyond the current countries of Guatemala and Belize to include Honduras and El Salvador, according to open source information.^[xii]

- (U//LES) INM delivered 1,022 humanitarian visitor cards of the 1,168 registrations in Mexico City.^[xiii]

(U//LES) October 2018 caravan:

(U//LES) The October 2018 caravan, formed between 13 and 21 October 2018 in Honduras, was composed of 802 migrants in Tijuana, Mexico and 100 migrants in Mexicali, Mexico as of 4 February, according to INM—down from an estimated 8,000 migrants on 24 November 2018. CBP has apprehended or deemed

inadmissible 4,165 migrants as of 5 February. **Mexican officials in Tijuana evicted occupants from El Mapa park—the majority of whom were deported from Mexico, according to open source information.**^[xiv]

- (U//LES) Tijuana, Baja California reported 802 migrants, of which 27 remain in the INM immigration station and 456 are in different shelters throughout the city. On 29 January, 139 migrants were displaced from El Barretal when Mexican officials closed the shelter, leaving them to find other accommodations. Finally, CBP estimates 180 migrants are located in tents in El Mapa park near the U.S. border.

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Migrant Group	Formation	Size	Description	Location	Destination
Group 1 October Caravan	13-21 October Honduras	~902	Majority Honduran with some Guatemalan and Salvadoran	Tijuana (802) Mexicali (100)	U.S.
Group 2 Migration Crisis Flow	16 January to present	11,183	Honduran, Salvadoran, Guatemalan, very few Nicaraguan, Haitian, Cuban, Angolan, and Brazilian	Guanajuato (~800) Queretaro (~570) Puebla (~1,500)	Mexico, U.S.
Group 3 January Caravan	14-16 January Honduras, El Salvador	~3,145 (~200 deported)	Central American	Piedras Negras (~2,000)	U.S.

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(U) Source Summary Statement

(U//FOUO) This Warning Update is based on reporting from open source media, U.S. Embassy Mexico City, CBP Mexico Country Team, and the Government of Mexico. We have medium confidence in the locational data of the different caravans, and on overall numbers given the evolving nature of the situation and fragmented movement of the migrants.

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