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## *U.S. hypocrisy and cruelty targets Venezuelan migrants*



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Once again, the immigration issue lays bare the hypocrisy, disdain for human rights, manipulation and cruelty of the US rulers. It reveals the sadism of the superpower, which undertakes a brutal sabotage against the Venezuelan economy, closing to that country all avenues to provide its population with basic goods and services, and at the same time slams the door on those who leave their country in search of employment, professional and educational opportunities.

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The government of "Democrat" Joe Biden abandoned the policy of granting humanitarian parole to Venezuelans entering the United States and began the automatic application of Title 42, a provision established by Donald Trump that allows (in flagrant violation of international law on the right of asylum) to expel migrants who enter its territory without documents, Under the pretext of combating the spread of (eradicated) COVID-19.

Hundreds and hundreds of Venezuelans have been expelled to Mexico over the course of a few hours. Washington announced a new immigration plan that includes receiving a total of 24,000 Venezuelans who meet strict requirements: request their entry via the Internet before moving, arrive by plane, have a contact that guarantees them financial support, have a complete vaccination scheme and pass an evaluation regarding their biometric and security data.

The plan states that any Venezuelan who enters US territory without fulfilling these conditions will be expelled. The number of admissions is derisory, since in the last year 180,000 arrived in the United States, considering only the crossings across the border with Mexico, says the Mexican newspaper La Jornada.

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador considered that the measures established by the US to grant 24,000 humanitarian visas to Venezuelan migrants are a first step, but they are insufficient and said he will propose to the White House to expand the number of permits: "There are 24,000, they are not enough, but you have to start demanding them and to the extent that they are granted and do not reach, I'm sure the U.S. government is going to expand them and we would all ask for that."

If Washington's treatment of all migrants from developing nations is deplorable and illegal, the turn against Venezuelans is doubly condemnable especially when the US political class denounces the constitutional government of President Nicolás Maduro as an authoritarian, repressive and illegitimate regime, placing Venezuelans as suitable candidates for humanitarian asylum.

### **Mexico, in the middle**

Until last Wednesday, the United States had expelled at least four thousand Venezuelans to Mexico through five border points (Tijuana, Baja California; Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua;

Nogales, Sonora; Piedras Negras, Coahuila, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas), reported the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Among the expelled migrants, anger, frustration and sadness erupt, remembering that they left their nation with the certainty that they would be received in the United States, but instead they are humiliated and without any explanation they are returned to the south.

As has been the case since it became a transit country for migrants from Latin America, the Caribbean and even other regions, the new US policy towards Venezuelan nationals places Mexico in a difficult situation, with totally overwhelmed care services and with financial capacities very different from those of the United States.

And it sees the need to seek accommodation, provide support and, most likely, welcome indefinitely a large number of asylum seekers, suddenly awakened from the *American dream* that ended up being another nightmare.

The tension at the station of the National Institute of Migration (INM) in Tijuana, where on Tuesday night some 300 Venezuelans rioted, has been decreasing with the passing of the hours, after the Mexican government provided a truck to a group of more than 40 who wanted to return to the south of the country.

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