

Protests in U.S. demand end to practice of separating children from parents



Dallas, June 19 (RHC)-- Outrage is mounting over the Donald Trump administration's practice of separating immigrant children from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border as part of the crackdown against immigrants and asylum seekers.

The Associated Press reports nearly 2,000 children have been separated from their parents since April 19. The New York Times is reporting some parents have been deported without their children and with no information about how the family will be reunited.

According to news reports, there have been protests at detention centers across the United States. In Tornillo, Texas, Democratic Congressman Beto O'Rourke and former El Paso County Judge Veronica Escobar helped lead a march to a newly opened tent city where migrant children are being held.

Hundreds of protesters also rallied at a family processing center in McAllen, Texas, while hundreds more protested in Houston, Texas, outside a former warehouse and homeless shelter where the government plans to detain hundreds of separated children.

Meanwhile, in New Jersey, a group of Democratic lawmakers visited a private immigrant detention facility in the town of Elizabeth to speak with asylum-seeking parents held there after they were separated from their children.

This all comes as at least five people died Sunday in south Texas when an SUV carrying undocumented immigrants crashed after being chased at high speeds by Border Patrol agents.

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