

U.S. Federal police raid occupy ICE protest encampment in Portland, Oregon



Portland, July 2 (RHC)-- In Portland, Oregon, federal police from the Department of Homeland Security, wearing riot gear and wielding batons, raided an "Occupy ICE" encampment outside the offices of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, arresting at least eight people and clearing a path for Portland's ICE office to reopen.

The building had been effectively shut down for 11 days, after activists set up a 24/7 protest encampment demanding the agency, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, be abolished.

In other news, The Texas Tribune reported that immigrant children -- including toddlers -- are being ordered into court alone for their deportation proceedings. The children are not provided a lawyer but are handed a list of legal services organizations that might help them.

One immigration lawyer in California described a 3-year-old child separated from their family climbing a table during a deportation proceeding, saying: "It really highlighted the absurdity of what we're doing with these kids."

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