

70 Catholics arrested on Capitol Hill protesting against Trump's immigration policies



Washington, July 19 (RHC)-- In Washington, D.C., Capitol Police arrested 70 Catholic nuns and clergy Thursday as they held a nonviolent sit-in protest inside the Russell Senate Office Building against the Trump administration's inhumane treatment of immigrants and asylum seekers.

More than a dozen protesters stood in a circle, holding the photographs of migrant children who have died in U.S. custody, and reciting their names. The latest protests came as immigrant communities across the U.S. have prepared for reported ICE raids that were scheduled to begin last weekend but have largely not materialized.

Meanwhile, a group of Indian asylum seekers in El Paso, Texas, have launched a hunger strike from inside an ICE immigration jail, demanding they be released while they appeal their deportation orders. One of the men told the Texas Monthly: "If I go back to India, I will be tortured and killed. I can die here." It's the second time this year that Indian men have led hunger strikes at the El Paso Processing Center.

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