

U.S. court rules White House cannot deny soap and toothpaste to migrant children



Washington, August 16 (RHC)-- In the United States, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has rejected an attempt by the Trump administration to deny detained migrant children soap, toothpaste and beds.

Justice Department attorney Sarah Fabian had argued that the government is not required to provide such necessities to children detained at the border. At a hearing in June, her claim was questioned by all three judges on the panel, including Judge Wallace Tashima.

In their ruling, the federal judges wrote: "Assuring that children eat enough edible food, drink clean water, are housed in hygienic facilities with sanitary bathrooms, have soap and toothpaste, and are not sleep deprived are without doubt essential to the children's safety."

In related news, the Associated Press has revealed dozens of immigrant families are planning to sue the U.S. government for harm suffered after being separated at the border from their loved ones. The AP reports several of the claims involve young children who were sexually, physically or emotionally abused in federally funded foster care.

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