

U.S. acting Homeland Security Secretary McAleenan resigns



Washington, October 12 (RHC)-- U.S acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan has announced he is resigning and a new acting chief of the agency would be named next week. McAleenan, the fourth person to serve in the post since the Donald Trump presidency began, submitted his resignation to the White House on Friday, the president announced on Twitter.

Trump said McAleenan, 48, who has served since April, "wants to spend more time with his family and go to the private sector." McAleenan also on Twitter addressed his departure in a statement, saying "we have made tremendous progress mitigating the border security."

This comes a few days after McAleenan was forced to abandon a debate stage in the US capital after protesters drowned him out, condemning the crackdown on migrants and asylum seekers. On Monday, just as McAleenan wanted to begin speaking at the event at Georgetown University in Washington, several demonstrators were standing and holding banners that read, "Stand with Immigrants."

"When our immigrants are under attack what do we do? Stand up fight back," the protesters chanted for several minutes.

Caravans of migrants from Central American countries have been traveling for months through various routes ending up in Mexico to reach the country's border with the U.S., where they seek to apply for asylum and settle down.

However, the Trump administration has been blocking them at the border with Mexico. U.S. officials have even separated migrant children from their parents or deported those who have successfully crossed back to their home countries, where they face violence, abuse or severe economic difficulties.

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