

# *Human rights group says at least 200 killed or abused after being deported by U.S. to El Salvador*

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New York, February 7 (RHC)-- At least 200 people have been either murdered or abused and sexually assaulted after the U.S. deported them back to El Salvador as U.S. President Donald Trump continues crackdown on so-called "illegal aliens."

The Human Rights Watch has documented 138 cases of murder as well as 70 cases of abuse or sexual assault so far, according a report released this week. Upon deportation ranging from 2013 to 2019, the victims were exposed to gang members, police forces, soldiers, death squads or their own former partners.

Human Rights Watch has voiced its deep concerns over the latest anti-immigration bill in the United States. "In many cases, the U.S. is putting Salvadorans in harm's way in circumstances where it knows or should know that harm is likely," said the HRW. "No government, UN agency, or nongovernmental organization has systematically monitored what happens to deported persons once back in El Salvador. This report begins to fill that gap."

The rights group further detailed three cases to “illustrate the range of harms,” inflicted on the Salvadorans, about 1.2 million of whom are non-citizens in the United States.

Mexico has deported 2,300 Honduran refugees who crossed over from Guatemala with a caravan heading to the United States.

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