

Asylum seekers say ICE agents tortured them into signing deportation orders



Washington, October 24 (RHC)-- In U.S. immigration news, The Guardian reports many of the Cameroonian asylum seekers who were recently deported en masse were subjected to torture by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to force them to sign their removal papers.

Asylum seekers were reportedly choked, beaten, pepper-sprayed and received death threats. Others were handcuffed as ICE agents forcibly took their fingerprints in place of signatures.

Last week, 60 Cameroonian and over two dozen Congolese asylum seekers were deported, including two Cameroonian women who feared they were unknowingly subjected to forced sterilizations at Irwin Detention Center in Georgia, according to immigration advocates. Many of the Cameroonian asylum seekers feared they would be killed upon their arrival to their home country.

In related news, The Los Angeles Times reports at least 19 women are alleging they were subjected to invasive gynecological procedures without their consent while imprisoned at the privately run Irwin Detention Center in Georgia, including undergoing unnecessary procedures that affected their ability to have children. Most of the women are asylum seekers from the Caribbean, Africa and Latin America.

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