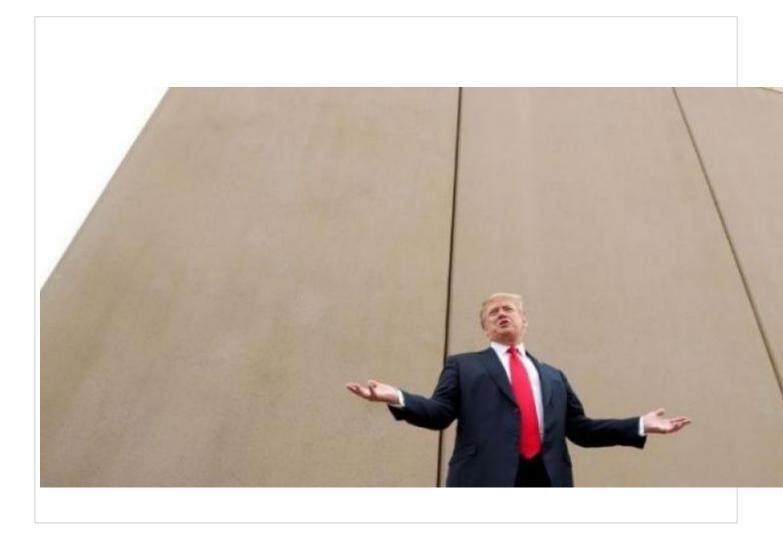
Donald Trump plans to visit U.S.-Mexico border



Palm Beach, June 17 (RHC)-- Former U.S. President Donald Trump has said he would visit the U.S.-Mexico border later this month with Texas Governor Greg Abbott after both complained about a rise in migrants crossing into the United States.

Trump, Abbott and other Republicans have criticized Democratic President Joe Biden for rolling back Trump immigration restrictions as the number of migrants arriving at the border has reached the highest monthly levels in 20 years.

"The Biden Administration inherited from me the strongest, safest, and most secure border in U.S history and in mere weeks they turned it into the single worst border crisis in U.S history," Trump said in a statement on Tuesday, announcing he had accepted an invitation from Abbott to visit the border on June 30th.

"We went from having border security that was the envy of the world to a lawless border that is now pitied around the world," he added. Republicans have been extremely critical of the Biden administration's handling of the border and slammed Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, who has been tasked with dealing with the immigration crisis, for not yet having visited the border since taking office in January.

Trump did not say where along the 2,000 km (1,250-mile) border he would be visiting. And Abbott's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The former president's trip to the U.S.-Mexico line will be his first since January 12, days before he left office, when he visited a section of the border wall in what was kind of a farewell victory lap.

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