

# *Central American mothers travel to U.S. to demand action on missing children*

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Washington, October 20 (RHC)-- A group of Central American mothers searching for their children are in the U.S. capital this week to demand action to find their missing loved ones, who disappeared on their journeys to the United States. The mothers are also denouncing human rights violations against Central American migrants.

Members of the Caravan of Mothers of Disappeared Migrants from Central America shared their testimonies with lawmakers in Washington, D.C., yesterday.

A number of mothers also travelled to New York and several spoke at a rally in Queens Tuesday night. Aracely de Mejía, a mother from El Salvador -- who has been searching for her son Edwin Alexander Colindres Ramírez since September 2012 -- told reporters: "We, mothers, don't believe in borders. We have participated in different caravans. We have pushed for different petitions to find our children. We have done DNA tests with our governments in our home countries. But in El Salvador, no one has listened to us."

In other immigration news from the United States, The Washington Post is reporting unpublished data from Customs and Border Protection show arrests by the Border Patrol shot up to its highest levels ever. Over 1.7 million people were detained along the U.S.-Mexico border during the 2021 fiscal year that ended in September.

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