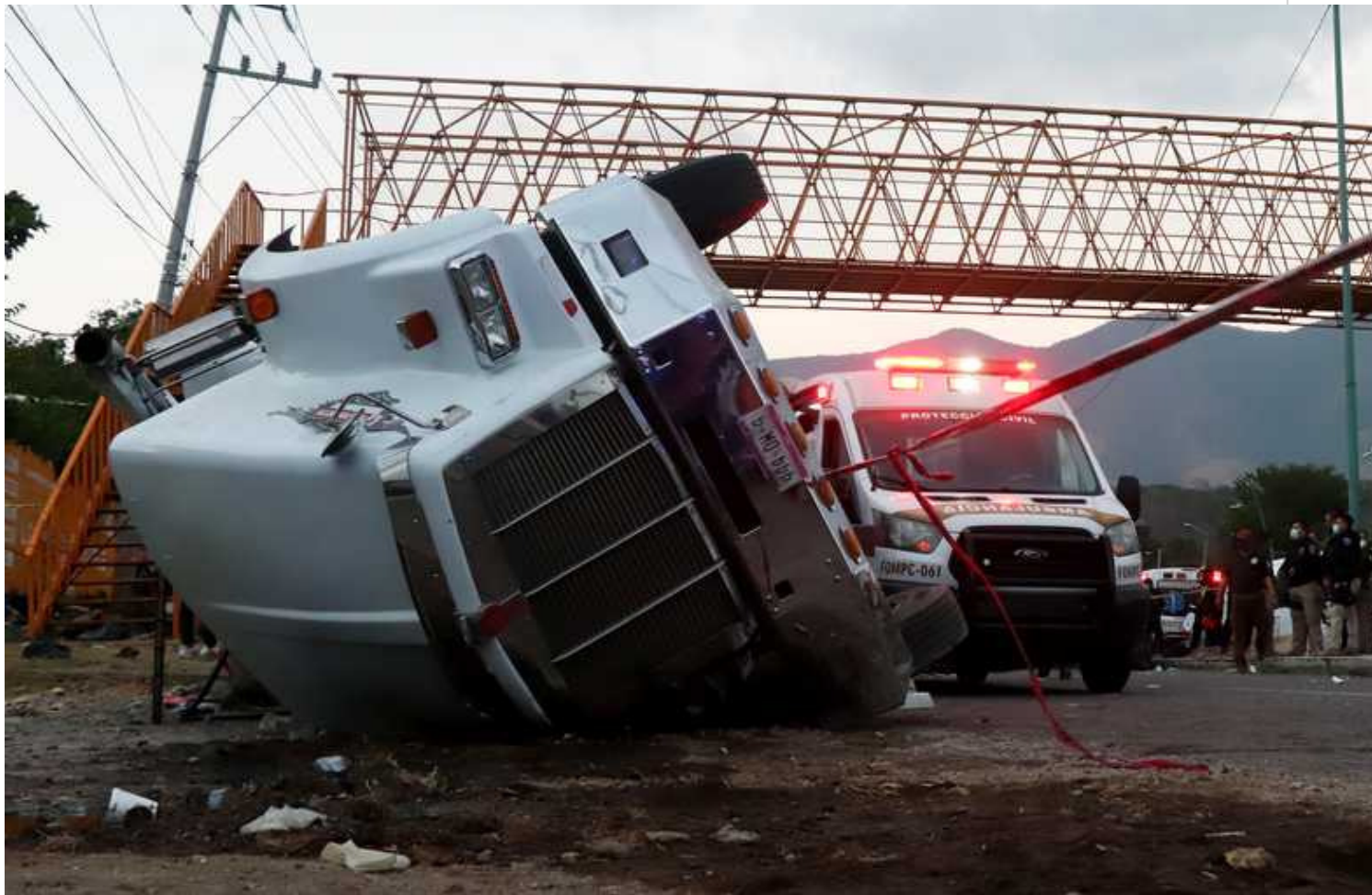


Mexico gives humanitarian visas to migrant survivors of accident in Chiapas



Mexico City, December 16 (RHC)-- Mexico's National Migration Institute (INM) has announced the delivery of humanitarian visas to the 17 migrants, who were discharged from a hospital after suffering an accident last Thursday in the municipality of Chiapa de Corzo in the state of Chiapas.

"Fifteen are originally from Guatemala, one from Colombia and one more from the Dominican Republic (...) They obtained a visitor's card for humanitarian reasons that entitles them to health and financial

services and formal employment," stated the INM.

The Mexican migratory authority details that of the 15 Guatemalans, three are unaccompanied minors. "The minors were left under the guardianship of the System for the Integral Development of the Family of the entity, for their protection and care," they add.

"The INM reaffirms its commitment to safe, orderly and regular migration, with full respect for human rights and with special attention to vulnerable groups", states the Mexican migration authority.

Likewise, Mexican authorities continue to search for more details of last Thursday's accident, when a trailer carrying several overcrowded migrants -- who were trying to reach the United States -- overturned, leaving 55 dead and hundreds injured.

Upon confirmation of the accident, Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard expressed his solidarity and willingness to repatriate the bodies of the migrants. For its part, the Chiapas Prosecutor's Office also arranged all the logistics to receive the relatives of the victims, "we are ready to receive the relatives and to make the corresponding recognition in the different morgues," they added.

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