

# *Nearly 100 migrants rescued in Mexico from the hands of smugglers*

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**Most of the rescued migrants come from Central American countries such as Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador. | Photo: diariodelsur.com**

Mexico City, January 24 (RHC)--The National Migration Institute (INM) confirmed the rescue of 93 migrants who were in the hands of human traffickers, 65 of them in Matehuala-Monterrey and 28 in Oaxaca.

According to the INM, the Monterrey group was traveling crammed in the bed of a truck at high risk to their lives. A joint operation by the migration authority and the Attorney General's Office (FGR) stopped the vehicle in which they were traveling.

Among the migrants, 41 Nicaraguans, 15 Hondurans, four Salvadorans and two Guatemalans were identified, and three remain, apparently of Mexican nationality; however, authorities have not provided details on the status of the traffickers, who are known as "the coyotes in the region."

Mexican authorities said that the individuals were taken to immigration offices to initiate the corresponding administrative process, while the three of apparent Mexican origin were channeled to the FGR to clarify their legal status.

Meanwhile, INM authorities in Jalapa del Marqués, Oaxaca, together with the FGR and the National Guard intercepted an "apocryphal ambulance" with 28 Nicaraguan migrants (five men, 14 women and nine minors).

In another communiqué from the agency that belongs to the Ministry of the Interior, it was reported that three Guatemalan migrants who were linked to the accident that occurred on December 9, 2021 in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, where one hundred people died on the highway, have already been repatriated.

Thanks to the coordination with the Government, the migrants were taken to the Basic Community Hospital of Cintalapa to the border of the entity with the city of Tecún, Guatemala. They were escorted by units of the Secretariat of Security and Citizen Protection.

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