

Migrant arrested for allegedly setting fire to immigration center in Mexico

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Alleged responsible for death of migrants in Juárez City is arrested

Havana, April 1 (RHC) The prosecutor specialized in Human Rights, Sara Irene Herrerías, confirmed this Friday at a press conference the arrest of the migrant who allegedly started the fire that cost the lives of 39 people in a migrant center in Juárez City, Mexico.

The official did not reveal the name or nationality of the man accused of setting fire to the mattresses in the cell he shared with 67 other men, supposedly in protest of the poor attention from Mexican immigration officials and a possible deportation.

"As for the migrant, (the arrest) was made with the consular attention (of the country of origin), once it was requested and the arrest warrant was granted," said the prosecutor. However, local media affirm that it is a migrant of Venezuelan nationality.

So far, eight people are under arrest, including two federal agents, an official from the National Institute of Migration (INM), four private guards and the alleged perpetrator. Prosecutor Sara Irene Herrerías specified that the capture of one more private guard remains to be carried out.

Likewise, it transpired that on Friday Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador traveled to Juárez City to personally verify the medical care of the survivors who suffered severe burns, some of whom were reported to be in serious condition.

The president met in a nearby place and migrants marched there to protest the criminalization and mistreatment of which they are victims just for seeking a future in the United States. The Secretary of Security promised to investigate the complaints of human rights violations by the INM. (Source: Telesur)

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