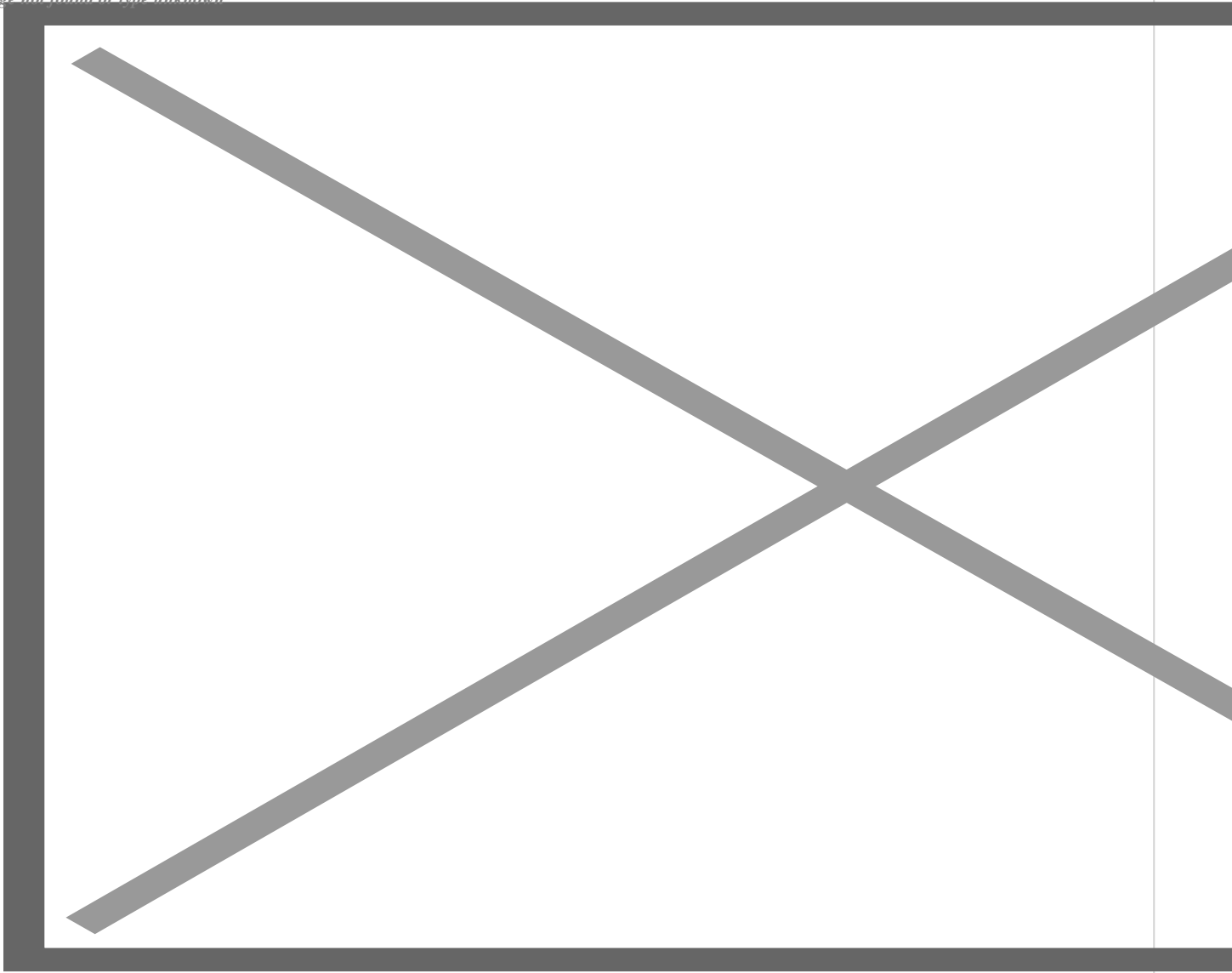


Mexican police rescue more than 40 Central American migrants

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The migrants were taken to a delegation of the National Migration Institute in the city of Monterrey. | Photo: EFE

Mexico City, August 19 (RHC)-- Police in the Mexican state of Nuevo Leon reported on Friday the discovery of 41 migrants of Central American origin, who were kept crammed in a home and a hotel room.

The first case came to light after an anonymous call to the State Investigation Agency (AEI) revealed the presence of migrants hiding in a house in the Fomerrey 115 neighborhood in Monterrey, the capital of Nuevo Leon. The group of 36 people included nine adult males, eight females and 19 minors. The migrants were originally from countries such as Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Ecuador and Cuba.

Upon arrival of the uniformed officers, the occupants left the house, although they did not prove their regular stay in the country, and were taken to a delegation of the National Migration Institute (INM).

In a second operation, five migrants were found crammed in a hotel room located in the center of the city of Monterrey. Three adult men from Honduras and two from Ecuador were found there. They were also taken by the INM because they did not have the country's customs documents.

Last Thursday, two migrants were found dead in the desert of Coahuila. They apparently were trying to cross the border to the United States. This happens at a time of migratory boom after the repeal last May of Title 42 of the U.S. immigration law.

As Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador acknowledged earlier this week, the overcrowded conditions faced by migrants are proof of the unprecedented migratory flow, with more than 2.76 million undocumented migrants intercepted trying to migrate to the U.S. during 2022.

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