

Migration to the U.S. through Mexico takes on other hues

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Mexico City, September 22 (Prensa Latina) -- When hopes of an orderly and safe migration were reborn with President Joe Biden's visa plan for a limited number of countries, these days the opposite is

happening in Mexico.

Without the hustle and bustle of other times when columns of thousands of people from Honduras or Guatemala were forming towards the border with Mexico through Tapachula and other southern crossings, little by little the country was once again filled with Haitians, Venezuelans and citizens of other nations, even from Africa, which increased the pressure on the transit routes to the north.

Thousands of them arrived by stealth and are now showing up unexpectedly, as can be seen in the scenes of the freight trains with their roofs and open cars full of people desperate to reach the Mexican border of the Rio Grande, swim across it and reach the U.S. shore, from where they are returned almost immediately.

And although the vast majority know that this is the most likely outcome, but still put their money in the hands of the coyotes, they continue to insist on reaching the shore and placing themselves in the hands of the patrols who treat them with no regard because these are the orders they have.

Especially those who try to reach the Texas stretch, with the cruel measures of Governor Greg Abbot.

The calls and assistance provided by the Mexican authorities and the facilities for them to avail themselves of the humanitarian work visas which they have secured in the south and southeast have been of little use, since the objective of the vast majority of them is to fulfill the "American dream", although they fear that it will be a nightmare.

Every day Mexico returns hundreds of people with the sentimental burden that this means, but always receives more from the border neighbor, almost worse than in Donald Trump's time, complain the migrants.

The pilgrimage of the contingents that hour by hour swell the exodus, is pitiful, not only because of the scenes in which the government's adversary television recreates with videos in the convoys of dirty mining wagons in which they travel with an incredible hope superior to the real dangers to their lives.

Children, women and even the elderly seem like characters taken from a new way of life that no one understands, with anguish more painful than sores, and from the testimonies of those who feel they are treated like aliens or fourth-rate beings comes the basic argument of the tragedy.

The situation shows that nothing that has been done so far means a solution to the problem, and that everything is more idleness than diligence.

This is what the Mexican government insists on when it repeatedly calls -and it has done so again in this session of the UN General Assembly- to attack the causes of migration.

But no one wants to go all the way because this implies accepting the need to change everything and admitting, as Alberto Fernandez, President of Argentina, said at the Summit of the Group of 77 and China in Havana, that we are in an epochal change and it is necessary to take it by the horns.

Neither bullets nor gunpowder are of any use to those who have contributed to this brutal crisis that seems to have no end because hunger, misery and desperation caused by social and economic inequality tear people away from their land like cyclones tear trees.

For some analysts in Mexico, the dramatic increase along the border between the two countries - especially in San Diego, California, and the Texas cities of El Paso and Eagle Pass - marks a turning point after the numbers plummeted in recent months, and could create new electoral challenges, as alerted by La Jornada, for example.

However, even the electoral issue is no longer the most important or pressing issue, but rather the moral and spiritual crisis and the lack of a leadership with Argos eyes that can realize that the world is on the last stretch of the road that leads it to an abyss in which the war in Ukraine is a simpleton.

As has just been said at the United Nations at the High Level meetings in preparation for the Summit of the Future, time is running out and we must hurry to solve these problems.

And although it is already late, there is still room for concrete actions to come out of this 78th session of the General Assembly that will bring the UN and the rich countries out of their inertia, as President Andrés Manuel López Obrador warned a few hours ago.

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