

Guatemalans deported by Trump administration recount fear and family separations



Guatemala City, January 31 (RHC)-- Deportation flights to Latin America are continuing amid Trump's escalating crackdown.

Recently deported Guatemalans say the crackdown has targeted “everyone” in the immigrant community.

One immigrant, Walfred Ortiz, told reporters: “Trump said that he was only going to catch the criminals, but now the police are also collaborating with immigration. So, if you are driving and there are two or three people in the car, they will get caught, even if they are not criminals. They are taking everyone.”

Another Guatemalan immigrant, Hermelinda Matias, said: “I left two children there, and now I’m here in Guatemala. I don’t know how I can get them back. They took me away from my children. It’s tough to live, because I am a mother. I can’t live without my children.”

At least four U.S. military planes carrying deported individuals landed in Guatemala this week, following Colombia’s refusal to accept military deportation flights. Colombia instead sent its own aircraft to fly deportees home “with dignity.”

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