## Dozens of immigrants on hunger strike at Washington state detention center



Seattle, March 30 (RHC)-- In the U.S., dozens of immigrants at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Washington, have been on hunger strike for several days to protest their continued imprisonment at the for-profit facility, owned by GEO Group.

One striking immigrant prisoner told reporters: "We're just asking for deportations to be postponed while the pandemic passes. We are not asking for anything more. I think we are human. We are not animals to be treated as the worst thing in this country. We are asking for a humanitarian visa."

In other immigration news, a federal judge in Los Angeles has urged the government to work to release imprisoned immigrant children amid the worsening coronavirus outbreak.



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