

U.S. prepares flights to deport Haitian migrants

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Thousands of Haitian migrants are being held by U.S. immigration authorities in the state of Texas. | Photo: EFE

Washington, September 19 (RHC)-- The U.S. government is preparing a series of flights to deport thousands of Haitians who are kept in a camp in a town in the southern border state of Texas.

With this measure, the administration of President Joe Biden seeks to discourage the massive arrival of Haitian citizens to U.S. territory. U.S. media reported that up to eight daily flights to Haiti are being prepared in which part of the 13,000 Haitians who have already crossed the southern border with Mexico

will travel.

The Biden administration had halted deportations to Haiti after Jovenel Moïse's assassination in July. Thousands of irregular Haitian migrants are being held by U.S. immigration authorities in a makeshift camp under a bridge linking the towns of Del Rio (Texas) and Ciudad Acuña (Mexico).

Migrants have been crossing into the U.S. since last Tuesday and have overwhelmed immigration authorities, who have improvised the camp in anticipation of processing asylum applications.

The U.S. has been deporting many Central Americans to Mexico under pandemic-related authority that denies migrants the opportunity to apply for asylum. But Mexican authorities do not accept Haitians or other nationalities.

Republicans have blamed the immigration situation at the border on President Joe Biden, who has now ordered the temporary closure of border bridges at Del Rio.

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