

U.S. Secretary of State Warns Undocumented Migrant Children Will Be Deported



Panama City, July 2 (RHC)-- U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said on Tuesday Washington would deport undocumented children back to Central America as the Obama administration had vowed to do so.

Kerry made the remarks in Panama during a meeting with leaders from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala, countries from which tens of thousands of children have entered the United States in the past few months without documents.

He said that the U.S. is aware of the fact that migrants desire a better life, however, there are rules which must be complied with.

"We obviously understand people who want to do better, and who look for a better life," Kerry said, adding "but at the same time, there are rules of law, and there is a process and there is false information that is being spread about benefits that might be available to these young people who are looking for that better life."

President Barack Obama said on Monday that Kerry was going to Central America in order to discuss the issue. His visit comes after Vice President Joe Biden went to Guatemala on June 20 to talk about the exodus of children which itself will complicate Washington's relations with its allies in Mexico and Central America.

Tens of thousands of undocumented children from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras are immigrating to the US now, often unaccompanied by parents, at the Texas border. Their numbers could go up to 90,000 this current year and 150,000 next – from only about 6,000 in 2011.

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