

# *Migrants ask for help and protection in southern Mexico*

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**Migrants demand to be given an answer about their immigration documents and to be allowed to transit without being detained, criminalized or deported by the police. | Photo: senado.gob.mx**

Mexico City, July 24 (RHC)-- A group of Latin American migrants accessed this Friday to the offices of the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) of Mexico to request protection before the migration authorities to continue traveling in caravan and expedite their legal status.

The group stranded in the city of Tapachula, Chiapas, on the border with Guatemala, demands to be attended by the National Institute of Migration (INM) after four days of waiting.

We are around 3,721 migrants enlisted, said a representative, but there are many who have not signed up. According to her calculations, they total 2,122 men, 1,307 women and 624 children.

Among the women there are many pregnant women, who have lost their children "due to the bad situation in the street, because no one has the money to pay rents or hotels", said the spokeswoman. They demand that they be given an answer about their migratory documents and that they be authorized to travel in a caravan without being detained, criminalized or deported by the police.

They are also asking for food and water, medicine and medical attention, because they are exhausted, physically weak and only wish to continue on their way to their final destination.

The group is made up of Dominicans, Venezuelans, Cubans, Central Americans and other countries of the continent. During the first half of this year, Mexico received a record 58,000 refugee applications, 15 percent more than in the same period of 2021.

The region is part of the most used migratory route to reach the United States, whose Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has counted almost 1.6 million people since last October.

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