

# *Brazilian Justice Ministry denounces use of handcuffs on Brazilians deported from the United States*

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**The director general of the Federal Police (PF), Andrei Passos Rodrigues, notified the Ministry of Justice and Public Security about the situation of the handcuffed Brazilians. Photo: Ministry of Justice and Public Security.**

Brasilia, January 27 (RHC)-- The Minister of Justice and Public Security of the South American giant, Ricardo Lewandowski, denounced that 88 Brazilian migrants returned from the United States arrived handcuffed and with their feet tied, in violation of sovereignty in the national territory.

Upon arriving at an airport in Manaus in an unexpected landing due to technical problems, the Brazilian Federal Police noticed the handcuffs on the Brazilians and immediately ordered their removal, as well as preparing an area of ??the airport so that they could receive food, mattresses and have access to toilets with showers.

President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva was informed of the incident by Minister Lewandowski, and ordered the mobilization of a Brazilian Air Force (FAB) plane to transport the compatriots to Belo Horizonte, the final destination of the flight, in order to provide them with a dignified and safe trip.

In this regard, a note from the Ministry of Justice and Public Security emphasized that "the dignity of the human person is a basic principle of the Federal Constitution and one of the pillars of the democratic rule of law."

The Minister of Justice and Public Security rejected the attempt by the North American authorities to keep Brazilian citizens handcuffed and tied by the feet, and described it as a "flagrant lack of respect for fundamental rights."

On the flight, there were 88 passengers from Brazil along with others deported from the U.S. On the trip to Belo Horizonte they were accompanied by FAB military personnel, health personnel and the federal police, and transported in a KC-30 aircraft provided by the Brazilian government.

At their final destination they were received by the Minister of Human Rights, Macaé Evaristo, who, at the request of Lula da Silva, welcomed the deported Brazilians to the city and the country on their return.

This is the first deportation flight to the South American giant since President Donald Trump took office, although it had been planned previously, and occurs within the framework of a bilateral agreement signed in 2017, the Brasilia Foreign Ministry reported to EFE.

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