

Protesters decry Trump plan to use Dublin Federal Facility, dubbed The Rape Club, as ICE prison

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Tacoma, March 5 (RHC)-- In Tacoma, Washington, dozens of imprisoned immigrants ended a three-day hunger strike after ICE promised to address worsening conditions at the Northwest Detention Center. It was the fourth hunger strike since the start of the year.

Hundreds of protesters rallied in California's East Bay over the weekend to oppose Trump's proposal to reopen the Dublin women's prison as an ICE detention center. The prison was dubbed "rape club" due to rampant sexual abuse by prison staff.

Activist Aimee Chavira, a former prisoner who survived sexual abuse at the facility, told reporters: "Nobody understands that the severity, the trauma, the abuse that we went through is inhumane. Me, as a U.S. citizen, went through trauma, sexual abuse, mental abuse, verbal abuse by the officers that were told to take care of us. We were not taken care of. We did not get medical treatment. If you put immigrants in this ICE detention, let's be real: Nobody cares about them. Nobody cares about immigrants. What kind of help are they going to get? We're going to repeat the story. We're going to repeat the story of abuse."

Aimee Chavira was a plaintiff in a class-action lawsuit against the Bureau of Prisons.

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