

Human Rights First Tracker of Reported Attacks During the Biden Administration Against Asylum Seekers and Migrants Who Are Stranded in and/or Expelled to Mexico

Date reported	Type of Incident	No. of victims	Description	Source
2/16/2021	threats	2	A Honduran woman and her 4-year-old son, who had been returned to Mexico under MPP, were threatened by her ex-partner who is member of MS-13 in January and February 2021. He told her the gang is looking for her in Mexico. He threatened to kill her and kidnap her son. In late February 2021, CBP denied the family parole and refused to provide them an MPP fear of Mexico screening interview.	Human Rights First communication with Margaret Cargioli, Immigrant Defenders Law Center
2/16/2021	attempted kidnapping, assault	3	In February 2021, an asylum-seeking family returned to Mexico under MPP were attacked while buying diapers by men who tried to kidnap their 2-year-old child. The father managed to hold on to the son, and the kidnapers drove off. The father went to report the kidnapping to the police, but an officer told them not be out that late at night.	Human Rights First communication with Margaret Cargioli, Immigrant Defenders Law Center
2/26/2021	kidnapping	2	DHS expelled a Guatemalan woman and her son to Ciudad Juarez in mid-February 2021, where they had been kidnapped soon after arriving in early February. They had been held in a house for days without food or water.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
3/5/2021	kidnapping	2	Un niño y su madre fueron privados de la libertad en el campamento migrante instalado en las inmediaciones del cruce fronterizo El Chaparral, acusó José Luis Pérez Canchola, director de Atención al Migrante en el ayuntamiento de Tijuana.	https://www.milenio.com/estados/reporta-n-secuestro-mujer-hijo-migrantes-campamento-tijuana
3/22/2021	kidnapping, rape	1	A woman expelled by DHS to Reynosa in February 2021, “who had tried to take a taxi to a friend’s house [was] kidnapped and raped.”	https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-03-22/hundreds-of-migrants-cross-this-stretch-of-the-rio-grande-nightly
3/23/2021	assault, robbery	1	A Honduran asylum seeker who has been blocked in Tijuana with his family for months unable to seek protection at the port of entry was assault and robbed in Tijuana in February 2021.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
3/23/2021	assault	1	A Haitian asylum seeker blocked from seeking asylum due to the Title 42 policy reported that he had been assaulted by a group of Mexican men in late January 2021. The men asked him for money and when he told them that he was a migrant and had no work, they beat him.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
3/23/2021	assault	3	Dos menores de edad y un adulto, que viajaban como migrantes, resultaron heridos tras una agresión a balazos en la entrada a la ciudad de Reynosa, Tamaulipas, cuando iban de aventón en una camioneta.	https://www.excelsior.com.mx/nacional/atan-a-balazos-a-migrantes-en-reynosa/1439435
3/26/2021	kidnapping	4	DHS expelled a Salvadoran asylum-seeking family with two little girls to Tijuana after they crossed the border near Reynosa to seek asylum even though the family had previously been kidnapped in Mexico in early March 2021. The kidnapers threatened to kill the children and sell their organs, if they failed to pay the ransom demanded.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker

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3/27/2021	kidnapping	37	Policías Estatales de Tamaulipas rescataron a 37 migrantes en Matamoros, que llevaban secuestrados 15 días. Entre los rescatados se encuentran 30 adultos y 7 niños, cuyas nacionalidades no fueron especificadas aunque todas son diferentes.	https://www.reporteindigo.com/reporte/rescatan-a-37-migrantes-secuestrados-en-tamaulipas/
4/2/2021	threat, robbery	1	A Haitian asylum seeker in the Tijuana tent encampment waiting for asylum processing to be restored at U.S. ports of entry reported that in late March 2021, a man threatened to hit with a rock and tried to steal a backpack of his personal belongings.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/3/2021	assault	1	A Honduran asylum seeker in the Tijuana tent encampment waiting for asylum processing to be restored at U.S. ports of entry reported that Mexican men he'd believed to be gang members had asked him to sell drugs in the camp and had beat him up when he refused.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/5/2021	threats	1	An African asylum seeker in the Tijuana tent encampment waiting for asylum processing to be restored at U.S. ports of entry reported that in response to the African asylum seeker speaking out about racism against Black migrants in the camp, a Mexican man took pictures of him and made threatening remarks to him on several occasions.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/6/2021	threats	1	be restored at U.S. ports of entry reported that Mexican men he'd believed to be gang members threatened him multiple times; telling him they had "eyes on him," to "watch his back," and warning him not to talk to anyone outside the camp.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/8/2021	rape, kidnapping, assault, extortion	423	Asylum seekers from Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Peru, Venezuela, and Yemen blocked from seeking U.S. asylum due to Title 42 reported having been the victim of an attack or attempted attack in Mexico in the last month in a survey by Al Otro Lado conducted between February 21 and April 8, 2021.	Human Rights First review of Al Otro Lado survey data
4/8/2021	kidnapping, threats	2	A Honduran asylum seeker and her 6-year-old child were expelled to Mexico by CBP in March 2021 even though the family had been kidnapped in Mexico in early March 2021. They managed to escape the kidnapers but were pursued by a man in a car after the escaped who threatened to kill them.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker

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4/9/2021	kidnapping	2	<p>Wilton and his mother, Meylin, 30, crossed the border into Texas last month to seek asylum after fleeing their native Nicaragua. But they were immediately sent back to Mexico under Title 42, a pandemic-era policy that expels migrants who cross the border without allowing them to apply for protection. Hours after being expelled to northern Mexico, they were kidnapped, according to Misael Obregon, Meylin's brother, who lives in Miami. Misael received a call from the kidnapers. They wanted \$10,000 to release Meylin and Wilton. "They threaten to hurt them both, or worse," Misael Obregon said. "These people are capable of anything." Misael could come up with only \$5,000. He sent the cash through a money transfer company. The kidnapers agreed to release Wilton, but not his mother. The smugglers then abandoned Wilton after leading him across the border, leaving him to wander through the arid farmland of South Texas looking for assistance, until he found the Border Patrol agent who recorded his encounter with the boy. Meylin remains in the custody of kidnapers. She called Misael Obregon on Friday morning, crying after seeing the video of her bleary-eyed son. The Nicaraguan government on Friday identified Wilton as being the boy in the video, but it did not mention the kidnapping. It said Nicaraguan police had interviewed the boy's father, who confirmed that Meylin had told him in their last conversation that she and Wilton were preparing to cross the border together because they were "in danger."</p>	<p>https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2021/04/09/migrant-boy-found-wandering-alone-texas-had-been-deported-kidnapped/</p>
4/18/2021	threats	1	<p>In one recent case, a man who turned up at the shelter said he had been pressured by drug traffickers to carry a load across the border. "The drug cartel was trying to force him to carry drugs, and he refused," Williams said. "He wanted to give the Border Patrol information." According to Williams, the man was told that would take too much time because it involved filing a police report. He was expelled.</p>	<p>https://theintercept.com/2021/04/18/biden-border-patrol-asylum-title-42/</p>
4/18/2021	assault, robbery, threats	1	<p>Esmerelda was not a new arrival. She and her family came to Nogales in November 2019, fleeing violence and persecution in their home state of Guerrero... In the past couple months, la mafia has assaulted her husband twice, she told me, robbing him, stealing his phone, telling him that if speaks up he will be murdered.</p>	<p>https://theintercept.com/2021/04/18/biden-border-patrol-asylum-title-42/</p>
4/20/2021	kidnapping	3	<p>Nine- and fourteen-year-old Honduran children were kidnapped with their asylum-seeking mother in Monterrey in March 2021 after CBP expelled them three times since December 2020. The family had relocated to Monterrey in hope of finding assistance while they waited to be able to seek asylum in the United States. Instead, they were kidnapped, held for ransom for days with other kidnapping victims who appeared to have been drugged, and eventually released near the border. Border Patrol agents, who found the family near McAllen, detained them for four days before transferring them to California where they were expelled to danger for a fourth time.</p>	<p>https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum</p>

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4/20/2021	rape	1	In February 2021, a Guatemalan woman who had been expelled by CBP to Mexicali after attempting to seek asylum was raped in Tijuana. The woman, who was fleeing severe domestic violence with her six-year-old daughter, had relocated to Tijuana to attempt to seek asylum at the San Ysidro port of entry, which she found closed to asylum seekers due to the Trump and Biden administrations' misuse of Title 42. The woman reported to Human Rights First that Border Patrol agents told her that "the new president isn't taking anyone" and that she should present herself "legally" even though ports of entry were, and remain, closed to asylum seekers in violation of U.S. law, which guarantees access to asylum to individuals who cross the border away from a port of entry.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	3	In late February 2021, a Guatemalan family with a six-year-old child was abducted at a bus station in Piedras Negras shortly after Border Patrol agents expelled them to Mexico. They were held by their captors for five days while their family members in Guatemala and the United States were extorted. The couple had fled Guatemala with their child after the husband was attacked and nearly killed, according to an academic researcher who spoke with Human Rights First.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping, assault	3	In February 2021, a Honduran man and two other expelled migrants were abducted at gunpoint, forced into a cemetery, and attacked immediately after the Border Patrol expelled them to Nogales at 11pm. According to Kino Border Initiative, the men were searching for shelter for the night when they were attacked. They had been expelled by the Border Patrol with a group of more than 40 people from Central America and Mexico.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	1	Multiple asylum seekers reported that a woman flown from Texas and expelled to Mexico was kidnapped in March 2021 just outside of a shelter in Tijuana housing hundreds of expelled families. The pastor running the shelter has instructed families not to leave the shelter for their safety.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	2	CBP expelled a 15-year-old Guatemalan boy and his asylum-seeking mother to Ciudad Juárez where they had been kidnapped in February 2021. The woman told Human Rights First researchers that when she tried to explain the danger she faced, U.S. immigration officers told her that they didn't care because "the president is not giving political asylum to anyone." CBP expelled the family to dangerous Ciudad Juárez at night during a snowstorm after they were held in CBP custody for days without food or water.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum

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4/20/2021	kidnapping, assault	1	A Honduran asylum seeker was expelled by CBP to Mexico in March 2021 even though he had just been kidnapped in Piedras Negras by masked men who brutally beat, drugged, and threatened him with decapitation. Two Honduran migrants were also abducted and beaten along with the man. One of them sought protection in the United States days after being released by the kidnappers, but was expelled by CBP, according to an academic researcher who spoke with Human Rights First.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	5	In April 2021, CBP expelled a Honduran asylum-seeking family, including three children under the age of five, to Mexico even though they had been abducted in Reynosa by Mexican police officers who sold them to a cartel. While being held for ransom, a cartel member held a gun to the mother's head and demanded phone numbers of family members to pay the ransom.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	4	In late March 2021, CBP expelled a Honduran asylum-seeking family with five- and six-year-old children to Tijuana where one of the men who kidnapped them in Reynosa has been prolling outside of their shelter. The family fears that a woman who had been kidnapped with them has been abducted again after she disappeared days after they were expelled together. They are terrified to leave the shelter.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping, robbery	1	In March 2021, Border Patrol expelled a Honduran asylum seeker at 2 a.m. even though he explained that he had been kidnapped and robbed in Mexicali after CBP turned him away from requesting asylum at the port of entry. The man had fled Honduras after authorities violently attacked him and tried to yank out his eye for filming illegal government acts. Border Patrol agents threw out the evidence he had brought with him in support of his asylum claim, according to Kino Border Initiative.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping, rape, torture	1	In February 2021, a young woman who was kidnapped in Mexico, held hostage for weeks, repeatedly raped and tortured by her captors, trafficked into the United States, and then dumped in Phoenix, was not found to have a fear of Mexico under the Title 42 torture screening. CBP expelled the woman to Mexico after she was taken to a hospital for evaluation of the sexual trauma she suffered, according to the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum

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4/20/2021	assault, threats	1	A Guatemalan asylum seeker who has been blocked from requesting asylum at a U.S. port of entry was attacked while pregnant in Tijuana in January and February 2021 by the gang that threatened to kill and dismember her in Guatemala if she refused their sexual demands. The woman narrowly escaped the gang while they ransacked the place in Tijuana where she had been staying and beat her partner, who subsequently disappeared, according to Margaret Cargioli, a lawyer with the Immigrant Defenders Law Center. The woman suffered a miscarriage in March 2021 because she was too terrified to leave her home to seek prenatal care after the attack.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	assault	2	In March 2021, a group of Jamaican LGBT asylum seekers in Tijuana were attacked while being thrown out of a restaurant; one man had his face cut with a broken bottle. In addition, an LGBT Jamaican man was assaulted in Cancun in front of his 8-year-old son. Both attacks were motivated by anti-LGBTQ and anti-Black prejudice.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	1	CBP expelled an 18-year-old Salvadoran asylum seeker, who attempted to cross into the United States after twice being kidnapped in Mexico, after he fell from the border wall and suffered a severe back injury. The young man was expelled in the middle of the night to dangerous Ciudad Juárez in a hospital nightgown, barely ambulatory, and in pain after spinal surgery. His mother and brother, who had also been kidnapped twice in Mexico, were separated from him and expelled to Mexico, leaving the young man alone in hospital, according to his lawyer Kenneth Mayeaux.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	8	In April 2021, multiple asylum seekers informed Human Rights First that members of a violent gang that operates throughout Central America and Mexico forcibly abducted at least 8 individuals from the encampment in recent days, including some pulled from their tents at night. They remain missing.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	4	A Mexican asylum seeker told Human Rights First that she witnessed a group of men kidnap a Salvadoran woman and her three children near the tent encampment in mid-March 2021.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	attempted kidnapping	1	A Salvadoran asylum seeker reported that in March 2021, her daughter was nearly kidnapped from the Tijuana encampment by a man who grabbed the girl and ran several blocks before the girl's uncle could stop him.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum

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4/20/2021	assault	1	In February 2021, a man with a baton severely beat a Haitian asylum seeker in Tijuana in front of Mexican police, who did not intervene, according to a Haitian asylum seeker who witnessed the incident. She told Human Rights First: "We felt like we couldn't say anything because we don't have any power here and we were afraid for our own lives. Haitians are targeted here . . . the police don't care. We have to protect ourselves and look out for one another."	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	assault	1	In February 2021, a pregnant asylum seeker was brutally beaten by a Mexican official in retaliation for having filed a complaint against him for an immigration scam and suffered a miscarriage as a result of the attack.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	threats	1	In January 2021, a Haitian asylum seeker in Tijuana who confronted a hotel owner about money stolen from his room was threatened at gunpoint by the owner's son, a Mexican police officer.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/21/2021	kidnapping	25	Agentes de la unidad especializada en el combate al secuestro de la fiscalía de justicia del Estado de Tamaulipas, rescataron a una 25 personas migrantes entre ellos ocho menores de edad.	https://www.krgv.com/news/rescatan-a-25-migrantes-secuestrados-en-reynosa-tamaulipas/
4/23/2021	kidnapping	1	La madre hondureña Patricia Estrada, radicada en Estados Unidos, denunció este viernes el secuestro de su hijo de 25 años en Nuevo Laredo, México. Detalló que los captores le solicitan 10 mil dólares (224 mil lempiras), los cuales no tiene, que serían entregados en dos pagos.	https://proceso.hn/madre-hondurena-denuncia-secuestro-de-hijo-en-mexico-piden-10-mil-para-su-liberacion/
4/27/2021	kidnapping	3	One Honduran woman who reached the U.S. with her husband and one-year-old daughter was sent to Nuevo Laredo on April 6 under Title 42, and kidnapped the same day. "My daughter cried all night long and I think that's what saved us," she wrote in a text message. "They asked us if we had family in the U.S. and we said no. At 7 a.m. they let us go and dropped us off in front of the shelter. We are terrified of leaving here."	https://www.vice.com/en/article/k78abz/biden-is-still-sending-thousands-of-migrants-back-to-dangerous-border-cities-and-kidnappers
4/27/2021	kidnapping, extortion	4	Desde que fue habilitado el gimnasio Kiki Romero como albergue migrante el pasado 5 de abril, se han reportado cuatro personas migrantes que sufrieron secuestro y extorsión por parte de los llamados "polleros" antes de llegar al albergue, quienes les pidieron sumas de dinero para dejarlos en libertad.	https://www.elsoldemexico.com.mx/república/sociedad/migrantes-sufren-extorsiones-y-secuestros-por-polleros-en-juarez-noticias-ciudad-juarez-coronavirus-chihuahua-6647749.html

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4/29/2021	attempted kidnapping	4	Two Central American asylum-seeking migrant families including two young children were kidnapped while traveling by van from Ciudad Juarez to Tijuana, along with two service providers who were guiding them. They managed to escape their kidnappers. Another Salvadoran asylum seeker who was staying at the same Tijuana shelter told Human Rights First that the families had recalled the traumatic kidnapping incident to her after they had arrived there.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/29/2021	kidnapping	2	Suspected gang members kidnapped two families from their tents in the Tijuana encampment near the San Ysidro port of entry, where some 2000 migrants and asylum seekers blocked from requesting U.S. protection due to Title 42 had been living, according to a Honduran asylum seeker living in the tent encampment who witnessed the kidnappings.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/29/2021	kidnapping	2	On March 26, an advocate was contacted by a family member of a pregnant woman who was expelled under Title 42 with her 4-year-old son to Nuevo Laredo. Upon being expelled, they were kidnapped by one of the cartels in the area that was extorting their family member for over \$20,000. The family reported that the 4-year-old had a fever and was vomiting for several days while they were kidnapped.	https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2021-04-28/biden-title-42-policy-fueling-kidnappings-of-migrant-families-at-border-and-extortion-of-u-s-relatives
4/29/2021	assault	2	A Honduran asylum seeker told Human Rights First that on the night of April 28, 2021, suspected gang members set fire to the tent of a family they had specifically targeted in the Tijuana encampment near the San Ysidro port of entry, where some 2000 migrants and asylum seekers blocked from requesting U.S. protection due to Title 42 are living, and that nearby residents evacuated their tents and ran from the encampment in a panic.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/29/2021	assault	1	A Central American child was assaulted outside the San Ysidro port of entry in Tijuana. A witness told Human Rights First that the child had been part of a group of asylum seekers and migrants protesting Title 42 border closures at the port of entry, and that the assailant was a vendor in the area. The video shows the man punching the child.	Video shared with Human Rights First by asylum seeker; https://zetatijuana.com/2021/05/comerciantes-de-la-linea-atacan-a-migrantes-que-se-plantaron-en-san-ysidro/
5/1/2021	kidnapping	9	Un total de nueve migrantes que estaban secuestrados y encerrados en una casa de la colonia Insurgentes fueron rescatados por elementos de la Policía de Investigación, quienes detuvieron a dos mujeres que los custodiaban, reportó la Agencia Estatal de Investigaciones (AEI).	https://diario.mx/juarez/rescatan-a-9-migrantes-secuestrados-20210430-1789881.html
5/3/2021	kidnapping	2	Un niño y su madre fueron privados de la libertad en el campamento migrante instalado en las inmediaciones del cruce fronterizo El Chaparral.	https://www.milenio.com/estados/reports-secuestro-mujer-hijo-migrantes-campamento-tijuana

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5/8/2021	kidnapping	17	Fueron rescatados 17 migrantes procedentes de diferentes nacionalidades, que se encontraban secuestrados por presuntos narcos del Cártel del Golfo (CDG) quienes les exigían \$2,000 dólares mientras los retenían en un domicilio en el municipio de Reynosa en el estado fronterizo de Tamaulipas en México.	https://laopinion.com/2021/05/08/rescata-n-a-17-migrantes-secuestrados-por-cartel-del-golfo-les-pedian-2000-dolares-para-liberarlos/
5/10/2021	kidnapping	5	Cinco migrantes estuvieron encerrados en una casa por casi dos semanas en Tamaulipas, ya que las personas que los llevarían a Estados Unidos, les pedían 8 mil dólares para cruzarlos y si no pagaban, serían entregados a integrantes de la delincuencia organizada.	https://www.milenio.com/policia/tamaulipas-migrantes-secuestrados-exigen-dinero-liberarlos
5/13/2021	kidnapping	4	A family with two young daughters that had been expelled to Tijuana after crossing into Texas in March 2021 was kidnapped in Tijuana in April 2021 by armed men who lined them up against a wall and told them they'd have to pay \$1000 to be released. The family managed to escape when a police officer approached.	Human Rights First communication with asylum seeker
5/15/2021	kidnapping	22	La Policia Estatal rescatan a 22 migrantes secuestrados en Tamaulipas.	https://www.elmanana.com/rescatan-a-22-migrantes-secuestrados-en-vivienda-autoridades-delitos-investigan/5346257
5/17/2021	kidnapping	2	Maribel shares a tent in Reynosa's main square with her teenage son and 10 other people. She left El Salvador to prevent her son from being recruited by criminal gangs. But her nightmare caught up with her at a hotel in Reynosa a few weeks ago. "We were kidnapped for five days. They took our phones and the money we had," she said. They were locked up in a house in one of the city's more humble neighborhoods along with about 90 other migrants, all Central Americans.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/kidnapping-onerous-fees-central-americans-returned-mexico-are-targets-rcna929
5/17/2021	kidnapping, sexual assault	3	One family — a mother, father and their 12-year-old son from Honduras — recently came to Sister Horan for help. They said that a gang recently held them for ransom in a dark room for hours. The mother was sexually assaulted.	https://www.pri.org/stories/2021-05-17/many-asylum-seekers-are-returned-us-mexico-border-under-title-42-advocates-call
5/18/2021	kidnapping, assault	4	Two Honduran fathers and their young sons were expelled to Ciudad Juarez on the night of March 14, 2021. With churches and service providers closed for the night, they wandered the streets looking for a place to stay. A man who offered them a room kidnapped and assaulted them, and demanded \$2000 ransom from their families for their release.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker

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5/18/2021	kidnapping	1	Desde Honduras, una madre suplica a los secuestradores de su hijo en México que no lo lastimen y les pide un tiempo para pagar los 3,000 dólares que solicitaron a cambio de su liberación.	https://www.telemundo.com/noticias/noticias-telemundo-medioidia/inmigracion/video/les-pido-que-me-lo-regresen-con-vida-el-drama-de-la-madre-de-un-migrante-secuestrado-en-tmvo9828421
5/18/2021	kidnapping	1	"Me decía que 'la señora' me iba a dar cuello", recuerda "Alejandro", un migrante mexicano originario de Guerrero, quien la semana pasada llegó a Ciudad Juárez en busca de asilo político en Estados Unidos, pero fue interceptado en la central camionera y secuestrado durante tres días.	https://www.eldiariodechihuahua.mx/estado/me-decia-que-la-senora-me-iba-a-dar-cuello-narra-migrante-como-lo-secuestraron-en-juarez-20210518-1796317.html
5/18/2021	kidnapping	2	Maribel, también salvadoreña y de 47 años, se refugia en la misma plaza junto a su hijo adolescente. Comparten una carpa con otras 10 personas. Salió de El Salvador para evitar que su hijo fuera reclutado por las pandillas criminales. Pero su pesadilla la alcanzó cuando estaban en un hotel de la misma ciudad, Reynosa, unas semanas atrás. "Fuimos secuestrados durante cinco días. Nos quitaron los teléfonos y el dinero que llevábamos", asegura.	https://www.telemundo.com/noticias/noticias-telemundo/inmigracion/secuestros-de-3000-coyotes-que-se-aprovechan-y-violaciones-los-traficantes-abusan-de-los-tmna3882927
5/19/2021	assault	1	A Haitian man living in the Tijuana encampment near the San Ysidro port of entry, where some 2000 migrants and asylum seekers blocked from requesting U.S. protection due to Title 42 are living, was attacked by men who hit him repeatedly, knocking him onto a tent and destroying it. While he was on the ground, one of the attackers attempted to strike his head with a large rock, but the Haitian man moved out of the way in time to avoid being hit, according to a Honduran asylum seeker who witnessed the attack.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
5/19/2021	kindapping	3	"El grupo de padres lleva más de una semana caminando en medio del monte con el objetivo de volverse a reunir con las pequeñas que fueron abandonadas en un rancho en Texas. Los inmigrantes aseguran que fueron secuestrados luego de que sus hijas atravesaron la frontera. 'A las niñas las cruzaron primero y luego el balseiro regresó por nosotros, pero ya nos tenían agarrados del lado mexicano', contó Daisy Sánchez, la madre de las dos menores guatemaltecas de 5 años y 11 meses."	https://www.univision.com/shows/noticiero-univision/es-algo-muy-dificil-el-drama-que-viven-los-padres-de-cuatro-de-las-cinco-ninas-abandonadas-en-la-frontera-video

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5/21/2021	kidnapping	2	"Griselda a 23-year-old woman traveling with her 5-year-old daughter left Guatemala where she was extorted by gangs that demanded part of her paycheck for allowing her to work at a grocery store. She refused. They threatened to kidnap her young daughter. . . . In Mexico, she encountered the very same thing she was running away from. She said she was kidnapped by cartel gangs posing as police and was given three days to pay \$6,000 or they threatened to kill her. Her family back in Guatemala had to scramble to get the money to free her."	https://www.nbcdw.com/news/local/migrants-turned-away-at-el-paso-border-due-to-covid-19-concerns/2638893/
6/2/2021	kidnapping	2	"On May 25, Anna and her 7-year-old son, Walter, sat sobbing on the curb. Anna and Walter, of El Salvador, had once again been caught by the Border Patrol trying to enter the U.S. undetected, and they feared a repeat of what happened the last time they were caught. In April, U.S. border agents had sent them back into the Mexican city of Nuevo Laredo, where, Anna said, they were kidnapped and held for \$10,000 ransom."	https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/under-biden-crossing-u-s-border-has-become-lottery-migrants-n1269263
6/2/2021	sexual assault	1	A trans woman from Honduras was sexually assaulted and then stalked and threatened with death by the attacker in Chiapas in May 2021. She had fled Honduras due to physical and verbal abuse on the basis of her sexual orientation and gender identity.	Human Rights First phone interview with asylum seeker
6/3/2021	kidnapping	1	A LGBTQ asylum seeker from Honduras was kidnapped in Nuevo Laredo in February 2021 after fleeing discrimination in his home country. He was held captive at gunpoint for 15 days with 23 other kidnapped people. He was forced to call his father at gunpoint and tell his father to pay a ransom.	Human Rights First phone interview with asylum seeker
6/4/2021	assault, robbery	1	A trans woman from Guatemala was assaulted and robbed in Piedras Negras in April 2021 while waiting for U.S. asylum processing to resume.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
6/7/2021	assault, attempted kidnapping	1	In May 2021, a gay Honduran man who had fled death threats in his home country escaped a kidnapping attempt in a park in Piedras Negras, Mexico. The Honduran asylum seeker had been walking in a park when a man pulled his car up to him and demanded that the Honduran man get into his car and provide sexual services. When the Honduran man refused, the assailant jumped out of the car and grabbed him from behind, stabbing him in the arm, and tried to force him into the car.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
6/7/2021	kidnapping, rape	1	A Honduran trans asylum seeker, who'd fled Honduras after she was attacked by the gang for her sexual orientation and her brother was beheaded, was raped multiple times in Mexico in Nuevo Laredo and Piedras Negras. In Piedras Negras, she was kidnapped and raped in May 2021 and had to escape her kidnappers by jumping out a window. She landed on a cactus plant and got thorns stuck all over her body.	Human Rights First phone interview with asylum seeker

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6/7/2021	kidnapping, assault, rape, threats	1	In April 2021, an 18-year-old trans woman from El Salvador who'd fled death threats in her home country was assaulted and robbed in a border city by men who told her they'd planned to "disappear" her. The woman managed to escape and remained in the same city as her assailants, blocked from requesting U.S. asylum due to Title 42 and terrified to leave her shelter.	Human Rights First phone interview with asylum seeker
6/7/2021	rape	1	An Indigenous Guatemalan transgender woman who had been trafficked for sexual exploitation was raped by Mexican police in Tijuana in early 2021 after having waited nearly a year to request U.S. asylum.	Human Rights First communication with Nicole Ramos, attorney at Al Otro Lado
6/7/2021	assault	1	In late May 2021, a Mexican lesbian couple was attacked and beaten for their sexual orientation while waiting in Tijuana for U.S. asylum processing to resume.	HRF communication with Hollie Webb, attorney at Al Otro Lado
6/8/2021	kidnapping	6	<p>Felicia Rangel-Samponaro runs Sidewalk School, a nonprofit that offers classroom instruction for asylum-seeking children in six cities across the border. She said two weeks ago at least six people were kidnapped from the plaza.</p> <p>Gang members "come into the plaza," Rangel-Samponaro said. "They drag a person away. You hear the person screaming for help. Everyone stands around and watches, which is understandable. No one wants to die."</p>	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/vp-harris-visits-mexico-city-migrant-tent-camp-grows-border-town-rcna1145
6/10/2021	kidnapping	2	A woman fleeing with her seven-year-old daughter from violence in Honduras attempted to cross into the U.S. and ask for asylum several times. The first few times, she was hastily returned to Nogales, Sonora. On her final attempt, she and her daughter were kidnapped by their smuggler and held and tortured for over two weeks until her family could pay their ransom.	Communication from Kino Border Initiative
6/10/2021	kidnapping	1	<p>In Mexico, with nowhere to go and few funds, she slept on the street and was kidnapped, according to a request to the U.S. government for a humanitarian exception to the order seen by Reuters. The kidnapers wanted to extort money from her family, Jasibi said.</p> <p>Jasibi - who asked Reuters not to publish her surname for fear of reprisals - called migrant advocate Ariana Sawyer at Human Rights Watch daily to check on her application for the exemption. But when Sawyer tried to call her last month with the good news that she would be allowed into the United States, she couldn't reach her – Jasibi had been kidnapped again.</p>	https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/bruised-by-border-politics-some-biden-officials-cling-trump-restrictions-2021-06-10/

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6/11/2021	rape, sexual assault, kidnapping, human trafficking, armed robbery, beatings	2314	Asylum seekers from Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua, Peru, and Venezuela blocked from seeking U.S. asylum due to Title 42 reported having been the victim of a violent attack or attempted attack in Mexico in the last month in an ongoing electronic survey conducted by AI Otro Lado.	Human Rights First review survey data received by AI Otro Lado between April 9 and June 11, 2021.
6/13/2021	kidnapping	249	Como fue previamente reportado, el primer resguardo sucedió el pasado miércoles 9 de junio, 140 personas fueron encontradas en una carpintería ubicada en las calles Caballos y Potros de la colonia Felipe ángeles, entre ellas 99 originarias de Guatemala, 17 de Nicaragua, 11 de El Salvador, 6 de Ecuador, 5 de Honduras y 2 mexicanos. De este grupo de migrantes, 117 son hombres, 12 mujeres y 11 menores de edad, quienes iba a ser ingresados de manera ilegal al vecino país por presuntos "polleros" . Ese mismo día, se realizó la segunda intervención, en donde se localizaron a 66 migrantes de Honduras, Guatemala y Ecuador en una vivienda ubicada en el cruce de las calles Sinaloa y Cananea, en la colonia Ampliación Fronteriza.	https://www.elheraldodechihuahua.com.mx/local/juarez/rescatan-en-juarez-a-249-migrantes-secuestrados-noticias-de-ciudad-juarez-chihuahua-inseguridad-delincuencia-policia-6837679.html
6/13/2021	kidnapping, assault	2	Rubi and her husband, Jorge left Honduras with their daughters in October after shuttering their business because they could not afford to pay taxes to gangs..she brought with her the death certificates of her murdered brothers, who were persecuted by criminal gangs, she said, to bolster their protection request. Their disappointment at the Eagle Pass, Tex., port of entry in January motivated the family to swim across the swift currents of the Rio Grande a few days later from Piedras Negras, Mexico. Rubi's two daughters, 9 and 5, made it. But as her husband came to help her, she was overtaken by attackers. He was beaten. Cartel members held Rubi for ransom for days, she said, but no one in her family had money to pay her captors. She went into labor shortly after her release. The birth was difficult and the baby was born with birth defects and an intestinal inflammation.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/fewer-migrant-families-being-expelled-at-border-under-title-42-but-critics-still-push-for-its-end/2021/06/13/422c702c-c7cc-11eb-81b1-34796c7393af_story.html
6/14/2021	kidnapping	4	Familiares de cuatro hondureños de una misma familia que buscaban llegar a Estados Unidos (EEUU) fueron secuestrados por grupos criminales en México, según denunciaron familiares de las los migrantes.	https://proceso.hn/cuatro-miembros-de-una-misma-familia-secuestrados-en-mexico-denuncian-sus-familiares/
6/14/2021	attempted kidnapping	5	A Honduran family waiting in Nuevo Laredo for U.S. asylum processing to resume was kidnapped by a cartel and managed to escape.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker

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6/17/2021	rape	1	A disabled Honduran asylum seeker was raped by a group of men after being expelled by DHS to Ciudad Juárez in mid-April 2021 with her one-and-a-half-year-old daughter. The men threatened to kill her if they saw her in the Juárez again.	Human Rights First communication with Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center
Total victims of attacks:		3250		