
U.S. Deports Children: Operation Captain Hook?

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While United States welcomes Cuban dancers and baseball players with open arms; it denies entry to tens of thousands of Central American children who cross Mexico's border alone to flee violence and poverty in their countries.

According to press reports, so far this year US authorities have noted a dramatic increase in illegal entry of children who travel alone, many of them under 12, and believe that 2014 will close with a record of more than 60.000 undocumented kids, especially from Central America.

Also, figures provided by Telesur show that the number of unaccompanied Central American children detained by US authorities increased by 66% in the last fiscal year (October 2013 through September 2014), compared with the same period between 2012 and 2013, according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The percentage does not include June, July, August and September of this year, which will close the current period. The same source stated that 9,850 Salvadorans, 11,479 Guatemalans and 13, 282 Hondurans have been detained from October 2013 through May 31, 2014, accounting for 34,611 minors.

Geared at finding a solution to this migratory "problem", which threatens to become a scandal, US Vice President Joe Biden, touring several Central American nations, announced that his country would provide the governments of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras with US \$9.6 million for the social reintegration of the deportees and other \$244 million for social development and security programs in the region.

