

Mexico: Pentagon to send another 1,500 soldiers to the border area

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U.S. soldier at the border.

The Pentagon will send another 1,500 active-duty soldiers to the Mexican border to support President Donald Trump's immigration policies, an American official said yesterday. This would bring the number of troops on the US-Mexico border to 3,600.

A logistics brigade from the Airborne Corps based in Fort Liberty, North Carolina,

will be sent, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to discuss the matter in public.

The troops going to the border are expected to help install barbed wire barriers and provide necessary transportation, intelligence and other support to the Border Patrol. The logistics brigade will help support and sustain the troops.

The first group of 1,600 active duty soldiers has already been deployed to the border, and nearly 500 more troops from the 10th Mountain Division are expected to begin mobilizing in the coming days.

In addition, another 500 marines were deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to help prepare the facility for the arrival of a flow of detained migrants, he told AP.

Meanwhile, the Border Patrol said that schools and churches are not targets of their raids.

Texas governor, Greg Abbott, reported on his official website that as part of his collaboration with the Trump administration to deport and arrest migrants, he authorized his state's National Guard to provide support to Immigration and Customs Enforcement to eradicate, arrest and assist in the detention and deportation of anyone who is here illegally.

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“Let no one dare to violate our sovereignty! Mexico is a free, sovereign and independent country,” emphasized President Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo before hundreds of people from Michoacán who gathered in the community of Zirahuén.

“You are not alone, you are not alone!” was heard on several occasions. It was the cry of the attendees who accompanied her to the ceremony to deliver fertilizers to this land, which produces one out of every three dollars from agricultural exports.

Faced with the current geopolitics, where the figure of the US president, Donald Trump, has created new bilateral relations, the president warned: "We Mexicans are always ready to defend our country".

Faced with the Republican magnate's threats to deport millions of undocumented people in the United States, including fellow Mexicans, the head of the executive branch reminded him:

"The United States would not be who it is without the Mexicans who work on the other side of the border."

From this state — which for decades has been one of the main sources of migrants to US soil — Sheinbaum Pardo emphasized that although her fellow citizens across the northern border sent \$65 billion dollars to their families last year, that figure represents barely 20 percent of their income.

"80 percent stays in the United States, (the Mexicans there) pay taxes and improve the US economy," she emphasized.

Accompanied by Governor Alfredo Ramírez Bedolla; the Secretary of Agriculture, Julio Berdegué, and other federal officials, the president affirmed that the president and the entire people will defend the compatriots and, in case they wish to return, "here we embrace them."

She emphasized the value of her fellow citizens: "We Mexicans are the best workers in the world, let no one say anything about Mexicans. The best farm workers? Mexicans. The best construction workers? Mexicans. The best factory workers? Mexicans. The best service workers? Mexicans."

She pointed out that Mexico is strong because it has a history and a culture that comes from the original peoples, and from the heroes and heroines who built the nation.

And that description, of heroes and heroines, was given to the countrymen and women who earn their living day by day in the United States.

The head of the executive branch highlighted the program to provide free fertilizer to small producers. She recalled that it was former President Andrés Manuel López Obrador who promoted this project during the last six-year term and today it is a constitutional right.

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