

# **Reports Wrong: Biden Has Not Resumed Border Wall Construction**

The Biden Regime has not, as breathlessly reported, resumed construction of the border wall in the Rio Grande Valley, which would have been a major reversal of President Joe Biden's policy of open borders.

Instead, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is repairing a levee and flood barrier system on the Rio Grande that President Trump's wall construction had altered. The Department of Homeland Security announced the work last month, and clearly stated that wall construction would not resume.

The news means that President Biden and his leftist myrmidons will permit the illegalalien invasion of the United States to continue.

> Biden admin resumes work to fix Rio Grande flood barrier system after Trump admin drilled holes in it as part of border wall construction https://t.co/zxhNYN0L81 pic.twitter.com/OeMHyOjAiO

— The Hill (@thehill) <u>May 13,</u> <u>2021</u>

### Hopeful, Wrong Reports

Myriad reports and tweets reported yesterday that wall construction will resume after <u>Fox News</u> <u>published an article</u> stating that construction has resumed.

"@FoxNews has confirmed via the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that construction on a 13.4 mile stretch of border wall levee in the Rio Grande Valley will \*RESUME\* after pressure from local residents & politicians," Fox LA reporter Bill Melugin tweeted. "The Biden admin previously halted all construction."

UPDATE: <u>@FoxNews</u> has confirmed via the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that construction on a 13.4 mile stretch of border wall levee in the Rio Grande Valley will \*RESUME\* after pressure from local residents & politicians.

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— Bill Melugin (@BillFOXLA) <u>May 13, 2021</u>

Recall that Biden foolishly halted wall construction with an executive order signed on his first day in office. For months, <u>he told</u> the masses of Latin America the borders were open, and that "asylum" and free stuff awaited their arrival.

Joe Biden ends funds diverted to Mexico border wall as he signs his first executive orders https://t.co/MPsoXssZAG

- ABC News (@abcnews) January 20, 2021

Thus, websites such as Red State <u>declared "victory"</u> because Biden supposedly reversed course after looking at the border chaos he created. Since January 1, border agents have apprehended almost 500,000 illegals.

VICTORY: Biden Pressured to Resume Building Trump's Border Wall <a href="https://t.co/Lv3Fx0JvMM">https://t.co/Lv3Fx0JvMM</a>

– RedState (@RedState) <u>May 13, 2021</u>

Biden said to build the wall.<u>https://t.co/V7eQH2HYup</u>

— The Post Millennial (@TPostMillennial) <u>May 13, 2021</u>

But "victory" it wasn't. And Biden didn't say "build the wall."

In fact, the army engineers are filling holes in a levee. They were created when the Trump administration was preparing it for a wall, but left there when Biden stopped construction.

"In support of CBP's border infrastructure program, USACE has resumed DHS-funded design & construction support on approx 13.4 miles of levee in the Rio Grande Valley that were partially excavated or at various levels of construction when work on the wall was paused for review," the engineers tweeted.

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As <u>The Hill noted</u>, the Department of Homeland Security announced the repairs last month. They are designed, the headline in the <u>DHS release said</u>, "to Protect Border Communities from Wall Construction."

"Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced initial steps to protect border

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communities from physical dangers resulting from the previous administration's approach to border wall construction," the release said.

Noting that Biden terminated wall construction, the release explained what the repairs would entail:

• Repair the Rio Grande Valley's Flood Barrier System: Construction under the prior administration blew large holes into the Rio Grande Valley's flood barrier system to make way for a border wall. The flood barrier system had long provided low-lying regions of Hidalgo County, Texas, protection from catastrophic flooding, and these breaches have threatened local communities. DHS will start work to quickly repair the flood barrier system to protect border communities. This work will not involve expanding the border barrier.

• Remediate Dangerous Soil Erosion in San Diego: Improper compaction of soil and construction materials along a wall segment constructed by the prior administration is causing dangerous erosion along a 14-mile stretch in San Diego, California. DHS will begin necessary backfill projects to ensure the safety of nearby border communities. This work will not involve expanding the border barrier.

In other words, "wall" construction has not resumed.

#### Numbers

And so the illegal-invasion will continue indefinitely. As of last month, as <u>The New American reported</u> yesterday, border agents had apprehended 749,613 illegals since the beginning of fiscal 2021 in October.

The total for this year exceeds all of fiscal 2020 by 64 percent.

The invasion shows no signs of stopping, and <u>includes 6,000 hardened criminals</u> who have committed rape, murder, robbery, kidnapping, and other heinous crimes.

Biden's plan is to import poverty-stricken illiterates he knows will vote for Democrats because the party offers cradle-to-grave welfare. His goal: Alter the demographics of the country, replace the population of old-stock Americans, and establish permanent Democrat control of the country.



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