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U.S., Mexico Meet on Joint Actions to Enhance Border Security

Citing data from the U.S. Border Patrol (USBP), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) [reported](#) on Friday that 304,162 illegal aliens entered the country during August, which led to a meeting this weekend between CBP and Mexico to take action to stem the flow of illegal border crossings that has overwhelmed border communities to a breaking point.

In a CBP [press release](#), Troy A. Miller, acting commissioner of the agency, stuck to typical government talking points, stating:

CBP remains vigilant in the face of ruthless smugglers and transnational criminal organizations who exploit vulnerable migrants, the same criminal organizations trafficking in lethal drugs that harm our communities. Our operational tempo along the border has increased in response to increased encounters, and we remain squarely focused on our broader security mission and enforcing U.S. immigration laws. We are maximizing consequences against those without a legal basis to remain in the United States, including by processing more individuals into expedited removal than ever before. The men and women of CBP continue to work, day in and day out, to protect our nation, disrupting the entry of dangerous people and dangerous goods into the country while providing humanitarian care for vulnerable individuals.



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However, the number of illegals encountered by USBP has exposed that current efforts are not enough, and they are not working. Thousands of illegals are crossing every day. According to the agency, the busiest sectors are Del Rio, El Paso, and the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas, and Tucson, Arizona. During a [news conference](#) on Saturday, El Paso's Mayor Oscar Leeser shared that about 6,500 migrants



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are in custody in El Paso alone, exceeding shelter capacity and straining resources. “The city of El Paso only has so many resources and we have come to ... a breaking point right now,” the mayor said.

CNN [reported](#):

An overflow shelter in the northeast part of the city planned to open its doors Saturday evening as the city faces an unprecedented surge of migrants crossing the southern US border, Deputy City Manager Mario D’Agostino said in a news conference.

The shelter, which will operate out of the Nations Tobin Recreation Center, has been prepped over the “last couple weeks,” D’Agostino said. The facility can hold about 400 people.

El Paso is receiving more than 2,000 additional migrants every day, D’Agostino said, and the city is expecting a “large influx” over the next few days.

A CBP [press release](#) posted Sunday shared that Miller “met with senior officials from the Government of Mexico and the railway industry in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico Friday to discuss action to address enhanced border security operations in response to increased encounters. We are continuing to work closely with our partners in Mexico to increase security and address irregular migration along our shared border. The United States and Mexico remain committed to stemming the flow of irregular migration driven by unscrupulous smugglers, while maintaining access to lawful pathways.”

The release continued:

Miller met with representatives from the Secretariat of Foreign Relations, National Institute of Migration, National Guard, Secretariat of National Defense, Chihuahua State Police, Ferromex, the Mayor of Ciudad Juarez, and the Governor of Chihuahua to discuss joint efforts to address increased migrant encounters. He urged coordination of efforts to diminish surging irregular migration, and continuation of lawful trade and travel while reiterating the need for coordinated engagement – to include mirrored patrols with local Mexican law enforcement agencies. Miller noted his appreciation for the continuing attention to dangerous migrant travel aboard railcars. He also discussed the impact that increased resource needs being devoted to processing inadmissible noncitizens has on CBP’s enforcement mission and operations at the ports of entry.

[The Latin Times](#) shared that the border situation has become “so bad that Mexico agreed to ‘depressurize’ its northern cities that border El Paso, San Diego, and Eagle Pass, Texas by declaring a state of emergency.”

It isn’t certain that the “agreement” between CBP and Mexican officials will slow the flow of illegal aliens crossing the border. What is certain is that President Biden’s border policies are failing, and border cities and states are now at a breaking point in fighting the invasion.

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