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Huge migrant caravan heads to USA – 26th October, 2018

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A caravan of over 7,000 migrants is walking 1,000 kilometres through Mexico, heading to the USA. They are mainly from Honduras and want a better life in the U.S. Many have young children. They are fleeing from violence and a lack of jobs back home. A reporter said the caravan was "a river of people". They have little food and are tired. Many were deported from the U.S. They want to go back to be with their children who are still there.

The USA made it clear it will stick to its asylum laws. It will turn away anyone who doesn't apply for asylum in Mexico. It has a "zero-tolerance" policy towards migrants. There was anger earlier this year after authorities separated migrant children from their parents. Donald Trump tweeted: "It looks like Mexico's police...are unable to stop the caravan... Criminals and unknown Middle Easterners are mixed in." He said he would cut aid to Honduras.

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A caravan of more than 7,000 migrants is heading to the USA on a thousand-kilometre journey through Mexico. They are mainly from Honduras and want to find a better life in the U.S. Many are parents with young children. They are fleeing the violence and a lack of job opportunities back home. A reporter said the caravan was "a river of people". They are battling hot weather, little food and exhaustion in their flight. Many in the caravan were recently deported from the U.S. after having lived there illegally for decades. They are desperate to go back to be with their children still living in the U.S.

The U.S. government made it clear that it would stick to its asylum laws. It will turn away anyone who doesn't apply for asylum in Mexico first. It has a "zero-tolerance" policy towards migrants to stop people from trying to enter the country illegally. There was anger earlier this year after authorities separated migrant children from their parents at the border. President Donald Trump tweeted: "Sadly, it looks like Mexico's police...are unable to stop the caravan... Criminals and unknown Middle Easterners are mixed in." He has vowed to cut foreign aid to Guatemala and Honduras.

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A caravan of more than 7,000 migrants is embarking on a thousand-kilometre journey through Mexico, aiming for the border with the USA. The migrants are mainly from Honduras and are hoping to find a better life in the U.S. Parents with young children are fleeing violence and a lack of job opportunities in their home countries. A reporter described the caravan as being "a river of people". They are battling hot weather, a lack of food and exhaustion in their epic flight. The Washington Post reported that there were many in the caravan who were recently deported from the U.S. after having lived there illegally for decades. They are desperate to be reunited with their children still living in the U.S.

The U.S. government has made it clear that it will stick to the law regarding any applications for asylum. It will turn away all migrants who don't apply for asylum in Mexico first. There has been a "zero-tolerance" policy towards migrants to deter people from attempting to enter the country illegally. There was public outcry earlier this year after U.S. authorities separated migrant children from their parents at the border. U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted: "Sadly, it looks like Mexico's police and military are unable to stop the caravan heading to...the United States. Criminals and unknown Middle Easterners are mixed in." He has vowed to reduce or cut off foreign aid to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.