

INTRODUCTION

1. This submission to the Human Rights Council for the 2026 Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the United States (U.S.) is a joint report from a coalition of 23 U.S.-based, non-profit organizations that defend the human rights of non-citizens.¹ In light of the Human Rights Council's decision to reschedule the U.S. UPR,² this submission provides updates to the coalition's initial submission on April 7, 2025, regarding ongoing human rights violations between April 2025 and April 2026.³

I. MASS DETENTION

Open Air Border Detention Sites

2. On September 25, 2025, a U.S. federal court found that the U.S. federal agency, Customs and Border Protection (CBP), was still not in compliance with binding legal mandates on basic humane treatment of migrants at Open Air Detention Sites (OADS) in late 2024.⁴ While CBP is not currently detaining migrants in OADS, CBP agents instead have deployed across the country in 2025 and 2026, terrorizing communities while engaging in race-based sweeps, violent arrests, and killings of U.S. citizens and immigrants alike.⁵ CBP has not taken any action to permanently end OADS, and is able to make use of these dangerous makeshift sites at any time should numbers of migrants increase in the border region.
3. In the past year, the U.S. government has designated large swaths of the border in all four border states as "National Defense Areas," declaring that any unauthorized presence could result in criminal prosecution, including essentially the entire riverfront of the Cameron and Hidalgo Counties in Texas, spanning 250 miles.⁶

Deadly and Abusive Interior Immigration Detention

4. The U.S. federal agency, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), continues to rely on a vast and rapidly expanding network of facilities to detain non-citizens. On July 4, 2025, the U.S. government supercharged its capacity for further abuse, killings, and border militarization by enacting H.R.1., appropriating an unprecedented \$170 billion for CBP and ICE.⁷ With this additional funding, ICE's detention budget increased by 265%, making it 62% larger than the entire federal prison system.⁸
5. Most recently, as of February 7, 2026, there are 68,289 people in ICE detention.⁹ The daily immigration detention population reached a record high in mid-January 2026 of more than 73,400 people detained on a single day.¹⁰ As of mid-March 2026, detention populations have reached unprecedented levels, with populations on each day since mid-June 2025 exceeding the previous peak in August 2019.¹¹
6. ICE has pursued a major expansion of detention capacity through reopened facilities,¹² mega-detention facilities run by for-profit prison corporations,¹³ military sites,¹⁴ and large warehouses.¹⁵ This expansion entrenched prolonged detention at a record scale.¹⁶ In the past year, ICE has opened 152 new detention facilities across 39 states, 13 of which were opened in 2026. ICE reopened 170 facilities that it had not been using in 2024, including 69 non-

dedicated facilities and 46 federal facilities. The most recent data shows that as of February 2026, ICE was detaining people in 456 facilities, including 160 hold/staging facilities, excluded from ICE's public reporting.¹⁷

7. Conditions have deteriorated as the detention system has expanded.¹⁸ By late August 2025, ICE subjected more than one-third of people in its custody to overcrowded facilities, with some forced to sleep on floors or mattresses on the ground.¹⁹ The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (the parent agency of ICE and CBP) has also increasingly relied on tents, staging facilities, military space,²⁰ and other sites ill-suited for detention.²¹ People held in these sites described unsanitary conditions, inadequate medical care, and little information about where they were being confined.²²
8. Deaths and medical neglect have further escalated in past year.²³ As of March 18, 2026, at least 46 people had died in ICE custody since January 2025.²⁴ Reporting from 2025 and early 2026 documents a rising death toll in ICE custody,²⁵ while a Senate investigation²⁶ documented dozens of credible reports of medical neglect and denial of adequate food and water.²⁷ For example, the Northwest ICE Processing Center in Tacoma, Washington has faced allegations of "medical abandonment" following the federal government's failure to pay third-party medical providers since late 2025.²⁸ Hospitalized immigrants detained by ICE have endured severe restrictions on access to legal counsel, family, and medical information.²⁹ These immigrant patients are kept in "blackout" conditions whereby hospitals, in coordination with ICE, are refusing to allow contact with attorneys or family members.
9. ICE has also increased the number of pregnant people in detention despite heightened medical risk,³⁰ including at the Dilley Processing Center in Dilley, Texas, where civil society organizations documented inadequate prenatal monitoring and unsafe medication practices.³¹ After multiple failures to report congressionally mandated data and respond to congressional inquiries, DHS disclosed that as of February 16, 2026, there were 86 pregnant people detained in ICE custody nationwide.³² DHS also reported that 498 pregnant, postpartum, and nursing people moved through ICE custody between January 1, 2025 and February 16, 2026, in violation of a 2021 ICE Directive which adopted a presumption of release for individuals known to be pregnant, postpartum, or nursing absent "extreme circumstances."³³ DHS further disclosed that 363 were deported during that period.³⁴ There have been 16 documented miscarriages³⁵ and other life-threatening pregnancy complications related to the detention of pregnant people.³⁶ The deteriorating lack of medical and mental health care has also resulted in increased rates of suicide in ICE detention.³⁷

Detention of Children

10. In the past year, ICE has subjected families and children to increased harms in detention.³⁸ As of early 2026, thousands of children have been booked into ICE custody,³⁹ and more than 5,600 people, including parents and children have been imprisoned at the Dilley Processing Center between April 2025 and February 2026.⁴⁰ Families described unlawfully prolonged periods of detention,⁴¹ threats of parent-child separation, barriers to legal counsel, inadequate food and water,⁴² sleep disruption, and serious lapses in medical⁴³ and mental-health care.⁴⁴ As immigration enforcement has become more hostile and excessive, the renewed use of family detention has exacerbated the same harms long associated with the practice.⁴⁵

11. Since April 2025, the U.S. government has implemented new changes significantly restricting access to counsel for unaccompanied children. In February 2025 and March 2025, legal services providers received a near total termination of its federal contract for legal services under the Unaccompanied Children Program from the United States Department of the Interior on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Civil society organizations challenged these work-stop orders in federal court.⁴⁶ The litigation is ongoing, and the threat to federally funded legal services for unaccompanied children remains. On February 23, 2026, HHS posted an amended solicitation for the “Legal Services for Unaccompanied Alien Children” contract.⁴⁷ The request for proposals restricts vital legal service and eliminates post-release consultations and follow-up consultation meetings, and representation on immigration appeals and motions to reopen or terminate. These potential changes along with the restrictions in the interim final rule create significant barriers to providing children’s legal assistance as Congress intended under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (TVPRA).⁴⁸

II. DENIAL OF DUE PROCESS

• ASYLUM AND REFUGEE BANS

Regulatory and executive bans on asylum

12. Access to asylum has been further restricted since April 2025. Asylum cases were stalled,⁴⁹ and new filing fees,⁵⁰ work-authorization barriers,⁵¹ and administrative obstacles⁵² made it harder for people with pending claims to stabilize their lives while seeking protection. These changes now make it harder for asylum seekers to work, obtain counsel, and pursue relief while their cases remain pending.⁵³

Third-country expulsions

13. The U.S. government continues to use third-country expulsions to remove non-citizens, including those granted relief from removal to their countries of origin.⁵⁴ In 2025 and 2026, the United States has made agreements (some of which have included financial payments) with over 30 third countries to accept expelled or deported asylum seekers, people granted protection under the Refugee Convention or Convention Against Torture, or other immigrants.⁵⁵ Once transferred to the third countries, non-citizens face imprisonment, onward refoulement, denial of due process, and other human rights abuses. Third countries have subjected deported asylum seekers and immigrants to cruel and degrading conditions of confinement, lack of medical care, and isolation from legal assistance.⁵⁶

Bans on refugee processing and admissions

14. Since April 2025, refugee processing remains effectively shut down, including for many people who had already completed years of screening.⁵⁷ The FY 2026 Presidential Determination on Refugee Admissions was published on October 31, 2025, setting an admissions goal of 7,500, prioritizing the resettlement of Afrikaners from South Africa (and

others facing “unjust discrimination”), and re-affirming the broader suspension of the U.S. resettlement program. To date, Afrikaners have represented more than 95% of all United States Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) arrivals this fiscal year.⁵⁸

Discriminatory adjudication freezes and re-reviews of previously approved applications

15. A series of sweeping new discriminatory policies by the U.S. federal agency, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), have effectively shut down large portions of the immigration system for many people already living in the United States.⁵⁹ The policies include a nationwide halt on asylum adjudications, an indefinite freeze on immigration benefit applications for people from countries subject to the travel ban, a sweeping re-review of previously approved immigration benefits, and new guidance instructing immigration officials to weigh an applicant’s country of origin against them when deciding discretionary benefits.⁶⁰

- **DISCRIMINATORY BANS ON ENTRY AND RESIDENCE**

Refugees targeted for re-interview, arrest, and detention

16. In addition to halting future refugee admissions, since December 2025, the U.S. government has targeted refugees already resettled in the United States through Operation Post-Admission Refugee Reverification and Integrity Strengthening (PARRIS)⁶¹ and related re-interview and inspection measures.⁶² Those actions have led to the arrest and detention of refugee adults, children, and families, particularly targeting refugees in Minnesota, before expanding to target refugee communities nationwide.⁶³

Discriminatory entry bans

17. In the past year, the U.S. government has expanded nationality-based entry restrictions. On June 4, 2025, the President signed a proclamation instituting full and partial restrictions for entry of nationals of 19 countries.⁶⁴ This travel ban carved out exceptions for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program, (purportedly) refugees, and certain categories of family reunification. On December 16, 2025, the President significantly expanded⁶⁵ the travel ban by more than doubling the number of countries (plus individuals traveling on Palestinian Authority-issued travel documents) subject to entry restrictions. The expanded travel ban also eliminated exemptions for Afghan SIVs, cementing the Afghan SIV program’s suspension, and family reunification. In a lawsuit⁶⁶ challenging the U.S. government’s slow processing of Afghan and Iraqi SIVs, the court issued a decision on February 9, 2026, ordering the Trump administration to abide by a plan to adjudicate SIV applications in a timely manner.⁶⁷ On March 30, 2026, USCIS released an update on the screening and vetting of foreign nationals seeking entry or immigration benefits.⁶⁸

Discriminatory revocation of permissions to legally reside in the U.S.

18. Since April 2025, the U.S. government's procedurally flawed Temporary Protected Status (TPS) terminations threaten to strip lawful status and work authorization from approximately 1.5 million people and would amount to the largest de-documentation effort in U.S. history.⁶⁹ These terminations continued to put Haitian and Syrian TPS holders at risk in spring 2026, when the Supreme Court agreed to hear challenges to the termination of TPS for more than 350,000 Haitians and 6,000 Syrians.⁷⁰ At the same time, members of Congress were forced to use a discharge petition to compel a House vote on legislation that would preserve Haiti's TPS designation through 2029.⁷¹ These terminations are part of a broader pattern of the U.S. government targeting Black, Muslim, and other non-European TPS holders through discriminatory immigration policies.⁷²

Access to public benefits

19. On March 21, 2025, HHS/ACF/ORR published⁷³ a Federal Register notice,⁷⁴ reducing eligible populations' access to refugee cash and medical assistance (RCA/RMA) from 12 months to 4 months. In addition, Congress passed H.R.1 in July 2025 that eliminated eligibility⁷⁵ for refugees and certain other humanitarian populations (who do not yet have their green cards) to access food assistance (SNAP) and healthcare (Medicare and Medicaid), while more broadly harming the immigrant population in the United States. As of April 2026, many refugees have been unenrolled from SNAP, and some refugee green card holders and Afghan SIVs have been wrongfully denied access to benefits.

III. ABUSIVE IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Deception and Invasions of Privacy in Interior Enforcement

20. Interior immigration enforcement tactics have remained invasive, with ICE utilizing surveillance, data-sharing, and arrests in places where people seek care, education, or other basic services.⁷⁶ DHS raids driven by intensified surveillance invaded the privacy of non-citizens and U.S. citizens alike.⁷⁷

Abuse and Killings by Border Agents and Border Militarization

21. The U.S. government's targeted immigration enforcement operations have become increasingly militarized, violent, and deadly.⁷⁸ From September 2025 to February 2026, U.S. federal immigration officers shot at least 14 people. "Operation Metro Surge" in Minneapolis, Minnesota—dubbed the largest immigration enforcement operation in history—resulted in three shootings in the first month of 2026 alone. During immigration enforcement operations, CBP and ICE agents killed two U.S. citizens in Minneapolis, Minnesota (37-year-old mother, Renee Good and 37-year-old ICU nurse, Alex Pretti), a Mexican immigrant who had just dropped off his child at school in Chicago, Illinois (38-year-old father Silverio Villegas González), a U.S. citizen in South Padre Island, Texas (23-year-old son Ruben Ray Martinez), and a U.S. citizen in Los Angeles, California (43-year-old father Keith Porter, Jr.).⁷⁹ These and other fatal encounters involving federal immigration officers⁸⁰ demonstrate the human toll of escalating immigration operations, the increasing use

of force by immigration officers,⁸¹ and the lack of meaningful accountability.⁸²

22. ICE officers also used increasingly aggressive tactics during arrests and home operations in 2025 and 2026. Officers smashed car windows,⁸³ used excessive force during arrests, and carried out enforcement actions in ways that caused injuries and heightened fear among family members and bystanders.⁸⁴ Internal DHS guidance further asserted that ICE officers could enter homes without a judicial warrant in some cases.⁸⁵
23. Across the southwest, border wall construction has accelerated, threatening even iconic and formerly protected sites such as Big Bend National Park in Texas and the San Rafael Valley in Arizona and urban areas in Laredo, Starr County, and the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.⁸⁶

Lack of Accountability for Human Rights Violations

24. In the past year, accountability for immigration enforcement abuses has weakened even further⁸⁷ after DHS effectively eliminated the federal agency offices responsible for civil-rights oversight and internal review.⁸⁸ More than a year after firing the majority of staff in federal DHS oversight bodies, the offices remain decimated and unable to fulfill their required statutory duties, which include addressing civil rights and civil liberties complaints, inspecting DHS detention facilities, and assisting with problems at USCIS. This has left people harmed by federal agents and immigration officers with fewer avenues to seek investigation or remedy even as enforcement has grown more violent.⁸⁹
25. As a result of widespread public outcry over the killings of U.S. citizens and non-citizens in Minnesota and across the country, in early 2026, Congress failed to agree on annual funding for DHS, as opposition members and advocates demanded significant reform.⁹⁰ While border and immigration enforcement continued uninterrupted due to their unprecedented H.R.1. funding, as of the date of this submission, Congress has yet to agree on annual funding for DHS.

IV. LABOR EXPLOITATION

Wage Theft and Discrimination

26. Abuse in H-2A⁹¹ and other guestworker programs has remained structurally tied to predatory employer control through 2026.⁹² Even as policymakers discussed expanding or revising those programs, wage theft, retaliation, illegal recruitment fees, and conditions that make it dangerous for workers to complain or leave abusive jobs remain prevalent.⁹³ In October 2025, the U.S. government announced changes to its visa program to ‘attract’ agricultural workers but to pay them much less than they earned previously and lower wages than national workers doing equal work.⁹⁴ By lowering wage rates implemented by the Department of Labor, the Economic Policy Institute estimates that over 350,000 H-2A farmworkers could see their annual wages cut by a total of \$2 billion or more—between 26% to 32% of their wages. These significant wage cuts for H-2A workers will put downward pressure on the wages of U.S. farmworkers, reducing their total annual wages by about \$3 billion—up to 9% of their total wages. Total losses in pay for all farmworkers will range from \$4.4 to \$5.4 billion—roughly 10% to 12% of their total wages.⁹⁵ This new federal

policy violates state minimum wage laws and international labor standards, further widening the wage gap between migrant workers and U.S. nationals.

Unsafe Working Conditions

27. Non-citizen workers, especially farmworkers, continue working in dangerous heat with inadequate protections and little practical ability to stop work or seek safer conditions. Reporting in October 2025 described pregnant farmworkers collapsing in the fields⁹⁶ and documented dangerous heat exposure across major farm regions where many migrant workers labor.⁹⁷

Exploitation and Risks of Human Trafficking

28. The structure of the H-2A program has left workers vulnerable to trafficking-like coercion, debt, and recruitment fraud before they even arrived at job sites.⁹⁸ That vulnerability has since been reinforced by illegal recruitment fees, labor-contractor abuse, employer-tied visas, and fear of retaliation.⁹⁹

V. SUPPRESSION OF CIVIC SPACE

Retaliation for political speech

29. Retaliation against non-citizens for political speech has continued over the past year. Since April 2025, the U.S. government has cancelled the visas of hundreds of students and scholars and ordered the arrests of people tied to Palestine solidarity activism.¹⁰⁰ By January 2026, the State Department had revoked 8,000 student visas since the start of President Trump's second term.¹⁰¹ Internal records and later litigation also demonstrate that the administration used immigration law to target non-citizen students and scholars based on their writings, protest activity, and other protected speech, with a continued focus on targeting those advocating for Palestinian human rights.¹⁰²
30. Interior immigration enforcement was also used to suppress dissent and chill First Amendment activity. In Minnesota, courts and subsequent reporting describe ICE arrests, pepper-spraying of peaceful protestors,¹⁰³ and arrests of journalists¹⁰⁴ during anti-ICE demonstrations, including the nationwide protests following the killings of two U.S. citizens in Minneapolis.¹⁰⁵ Reporting from Los Angeles, California also describes federal agents using aggressive raid tactics, including blasting off doors and shattering windows during home raids, even with children inside.¹⁰⁶

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