

Border Patrol apprehends 'largest group' of illegal immigrants near US border yet

U.S. Border Patrol on Tuesday morning apprehended its largest group of illegal immigrants caught at once, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) reported.

CBP said 424 illegal aliens were apprehended just after midnight in Sunland Park, New Mexico; an additional 230 illegal aliens were apprehended in Antelope Wells, N.M., around 2 a.m.

"This is an ongoing situation that U.S Border Patrol agents are facing in southern New Mexico: hundreds of parents and children being encountered by agents after having faced a dangerous journey in the hands of unscrupulous smugglers," CBP said in a statement. "Criminal organizations continue to exploit innocent human lives in order to enhance their illicit activities without due regard to the risks of human life. In most cases these smugglers never cross the border themselves in order to avoid apprehension."



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Officials have said the surge of migrant families was overwhelming the southern border.





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LARGEST GROUP APPREHENDED—#BorderPatrol agents apprehended the largest group of 424 illegal aliens just after midnight this morning in Sunland Park, NM. A second group of 230 illegal aliens was also apprehended in Antelope Wells, NM this morning. More: <https://bit.ly/2DE4WVU>

Border officials said they were struggling to cope with the influx of Central American families, with Border Patrol apprehending a record-setting 53,000 families in March.

The Trump administration has supported changes to the asylum process and other steps to slow the influx of migrants at the border as President Trump tries to make good on his 2016 campaign promises.

Fox News' Lee Ross contributed to this report.

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