

U.S. troop surge to counter migrant caravan

The Pentagon says it is sending 5,200 troops to the U.S.-Mexico border in response to the anticipated arrival of groups of Central American migrants travelling north towards the region

Southwest border force

Customs agents: 15,000

National Guard: 2,100



Troops: 5,200



Los Angeles

Tijuana

El Paso

UNITED STATES

McAllen, Texas

Hermosillo

MEXICO

Mazatlan

Guadalajara

Mexico City

Gulf of Mexico

Oct 12, San Pedro Sula
Migrant caravan departs

GUATEMALA

Possible migrant routes

--- Shortest (1,500km)
but considered
more dangerous

--- Safer route more than
twice as long (3,500km)

Oct 29: Nitatepec

Oct 21: Tapachula, Mexico

EL SALVADOR

HONDURAS

"March of the Migrant"

Caravan consists of about 4,000 people who are aiming to escape criminal violence and poverty in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. Most want to reach U.S. despite offer of refuge in Mexico

