

Migrant caravan latest - Mexico demands 'FULL INVESTIGATION' into United States weapons use

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American authorities also shut down the nation's busiest border crossing at San Ysidro for several hours at the end of the Thanksgiving weekend.

U.S. officials reopened the crossing at the San Ysidro port of entry between the United States city of San Diego and the Mexican city of Tijuana after closing it for several hours.

"Border Patrol agents have fired gas on the southwest border before and there doesn't appear to be any law against it, but the more important question is whether such an action was necessary to maintain order and protect lives", said Alex Nowrasteh, an immigration policy analyst at the libertarian Cato Institute.

Donald Trump has demanded that Mexico move thousands of migrants, gathered at the United States border, back to their home countries.

The groups had initially marched to the border wall from the stadium, Estadio Caliente, in protest and hope they would be permitted to enter, holding signs of U.S. -Mexico-Honduran flags, and others that read, "Donald Trump, Christ loves you", the publication reported. "We need food, water, blankets and a dignified place for people to sleep", he said.

Rodney Scott, chief US Border Patrol agent in San Diego authorities had arrested 42 people.

"What I saw on the border yesterday was not people walking up to Border Patrol agents and asking to claim asylum", Scott said.

On Sunday video footage showed scores of people attempt to push through the border fence.

Around 500 men, women and children, part of a caravan of roughly 5,000 mainly Hondurans who have been trekking towards the United States for weeks, scrambled over a rusted metal fence and surged into a concrete riverbed towards San Diego on Sunday.

"We work with our partners in Mexico continuously", she said. As they reached a bridge and stairway that leads to a square near the USA border, they were stopped by Mexican authorities,

who told them to wait for permission. "And here's the bottom line: Nobody's coming into our country unless they come in legally".

In a Twitter statement, Nielsen said migrants "attempted to breach legacy fence infrastructure along the border and sought to harm CBP personnel by throwing projectiles".

When they neared the second fence, USA border agents fired tear gas and rubber bullets at them as helicopters buzzed overhead.

Democrats in Congress want more comprehensive immigration reform in addition to additional border security, but strongly oppose Mr Trump's wall.

Trump also tweeted on Saturday that migrants at the U.S. -Mexico border would stay in Mexico until their asylum claims were individually approved in U.S. courts, but Mexico's incoming government denied any deal had been struck.

"This policy that we use was an Obama-written policy and it was used in 2013 at the same port of entry", he told CNN, wondering in particular about the intense media interest now versus then. A young woman fell to the ground unconscious, and two babies cried, tears streaming from the gas.