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BORDER SURGE STARTLING STATS

President Biden has created a full-blown humanitarian crisis at the southwest border. We are seeing thousands of migrants crossing our border daily, with no sign of slowing down. It's only April 2021, and we've already surpassed border encounters from the entirety of FY2020. Children are being abandoned in harsh conditions, smugglers are using groups of children to divert border patrol agents, all while known gang members and those on the terrorism watch list are exploiting Biden's weak policies. President Biden and Vice President Harris are nowhere to be found. This IS the Biden Border Crisis.

Full-Blown Crisis

- CBP is currently encountering more than **5,500 individuals** per day at the southwest border. Jeh Johnson, DHS Secretary under President Obama, said at the time that 1,000 encounters per day was "a bad number."

MARCH 2020 ENCOUNTERS

34,460

MARCH 2021 ENCOUNTERS

172,331

- CBP encountered the highest number of migrants recorded in the month of March at the southwest border in over 20 years:
 - 172,331 migrants along the southwest border
 - 71% increase from February
 - 400% increase compared to March 2020
 - 173% increase in family units from February
 - 100% increase in unaccompanied children from February
 - 39% increase in single adults from February
- The number of migrant children being held in border patrol facilities is more than **double the record** that was set at the peak of the 2019 border crisis.
- In March 2021, CBP expelled 103,900 individuals under Title 42, **28% of whom were individuals who had been previously expelled** from the United States under the same authority.
- Reports suggest that CBP has released more than **30,000 migrants** into the interior since January 2021.

Criminal & Known or Suspected Terrorist Crossings

- In FY2021 to date, CBP has already arrested **5,018 individuals with criminal convictions** – more than double the number arrested in all of FY2020. This includes:
 - 576 individuals convicted of assault, battery, domestic violence
 - 381 individuals convicted of burglary, robbery, larceny, theft, fraud
 - 982 individuals convicted of illegal drug possession, trafficking
 - 265 individuals convicted of sexual offenses

- This week, CBP disclosed in a press release that two Yemeni men on the **terrorism watch list** were recently apprehended at the border attempting to illegally enter the U.S. The release was later removed from CBP's website.
- Similarly, during their recent trip to El Paso, TX, Leader McCarthy and Ranking Member Katko were told by border patrol agents on the ground that people on the terrorism watch list are being encountered at the border.

Endangering Children

- **Human smugglers** are openly advertising their services on Facebook, falsely telling Central Americans interested in crossing illegally into the United States that they can promise a "100 percent" safe journey.
- Smugglers are putting young children in significant danger, abandoning them alone and in harsh conditions at the border after smuggling them into the U.S.
- Authorities have launched a criminal investigation into allegations that children at the Midland, TX, migrant facility were subject to **abuse and neglect**.

Increasingly Untenable Predictions

- In March 2021, **18,890 unaccompanied children** crossed the border – a 65% increase from the previous monthly record of 11,475.
- According to reports, DHS estimates between **18,600 and 22,000 children** could cross the border in April.
 - For context, CBP data indicates the previous record for unaccompanied minor encounters at the southwest border for the month of April was 8,880.
- For May, officials are estimating the number could rise to roughly between **21,800 and 25,000**.
 - For context, CBP data shows the May 2019 record of 11,475 unaccompanied minors.
- According to Axios reports, the Biden Administration projects the number of unaccompanied children crossing the border could spiral to as many as 26,000 in September.
- HHS will need an **additional 34,000 beds** in September to prevent kids from waiting in unfit Border Patrol stations, if projections hold. The agency could have more than 53,000 kids in custody that month.
- The **Department of Defense** approved Fort Bliss, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, and Camp Roberts to be used for HHS to house unaccompanied migrant children in response to the ongoing border crisis.
- HHS has expanded influx facilities to include Carrizo Springs; Target Lodge Pecos North; Midland; and the Dallas, San Diego, Long Beach, and San Antonio Convention Centers.
- CNN reports that DHS is on track to encounter more than **two million migrants** at the U.S.-Mexico border by the end of the fiscal year.