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On Saturday, October 12, and Sunday, October 13, Mexico City government officials transported migrants sheltering at the government-operated "Vasco de Quiroga" Social Assistance and Integration Center (CAIS), located in Tepito, to San Luis Potosi and Zacatecas, without their prior knowledge or consent.

These actions were carried out through deception, and withholding of information, as migrants were told they would be transferred to Monterrey. Migrants were also not provided with official government documentation that would permit them to transit, or grant them authorized stay in the country (FMM or some other document).

Other migrants who were staying in nongovernmental shelters and informal camps throughout the city were also misled about this transfer and were also transported on the same buses, and later abandoned in San Luis Potosí and Zacatecas. Here, they were left without support networks and vulnerable to possible detention, or deportation. We know of 234 migrants from Venezuela, Colombia, Cuba, and Honduras who are currently in the Zacatecas Migrant House (Casa del Migrante de Zacatecas) without information, support, or services from government officials.

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Given these events, we ask ourselves, what were the intended outcomes of this operation? Why expose migrants to harm in this way?

We condemn this deceitful behavior by the authorities of Mexico City to remove migrants from the capital. We demand that sufficient information be provided through official channels about this operation. Further, we demand future actions be coordinated with the National Institute of Migration (INM), to provide migrants with official government documentation that allows for their transit through the country and reduces migrants' vulnerability to detention and deportation.