

Mexico denies Trump's claim of secret concessions in deal

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Migrants travel from Guatemala to Mexico on a raft across the Suchiate River on Sunday.

STERLING, Va. — Three days after President Donald Trump announced a deal with Mexico to stem the flow of migrants at the southern border, the two countries appear unable to agree on exactly what's in it.

Stung by criticism that the agreement mostly ramps up border protection efforts already underway, Trump on Monday hinted at other, secret agreements he says will soon be revealed.

"We have fully signed and documented another very important part of the Immigration and Security deal with Mexico, one that the U.S. has been asking about getting for many years," Trump wrote Monday, saying it would "be revealed in the not too distant future."

Not so, said Mexican Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard, holding up a paper and pointing to the previously announced details. He told reporters the two countries agreed on two actions made public Friday and said if those measures didn't work to slow migration, they would discuss further options.

"There is no other thing beyond what I have just explained," he said.

The episode revealed the complicated political dynamics at play as Trump and Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador tussle over who made out best in the agreement hashed out under Trump's threat of new tariffs on Mexico. Trump appeared eager to declare his negotiation tactics successful, even as he tried to hype the deal with made-for-TV drama and invented measures, sparking questions and confusion. Mexico's leaders showed they weren't will-

ing to play along. The White House did not respond to inquiries about Trump's tweets.

But the president appeared to be making a reference to talks over how Mexico handles Central American migrants who travel through the country to claim asylum in the U.S.

The Trump administration has been trying to pressure Mexico to enter into a "safe third country" agreement, which would deem Mexico a safe place for migrants and make it harder for asylum seekers who pass through the country to wait until they reach American soil to file a claim.

But the deal announced Friday made no mention of the issue.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity to share details of closed-door talks, said Mexico had expressed openness to the idea during negotiations, and said the two countries would con-

tinue to discuss the issue over the coming months.

Mexico has been insistent that it has not agreed to the provision, which would require approval from local lawmakers.

Instead, Ebrard said during a press conference in Mexico City Monday, if the deal announced Friday does not begin to drive down migrant numbers in the next 45 days, officials will open up new discussions in which the U.S. will again push for the safe third country measure and Mexico will propose establishing a regional refuge system in conjunction with the United Nations and the governments of Guatemala, Panama and Brazil — three countries that are often starting points for migrants headed to the U.S.

"They wanted something else totally different ... to be signed," Ebrard said Monday. "But that is what there is here. There is no other thing." As for Trump's

tweets hyping a secret measure? Ebrard said he'd provided a full account for transparency's sake.

A regional asylum compact like the one Ebrard described could have major implications for asylum seekers, said Sarah Pierce, an analyst at the nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute.

"While in theory such an agreement would share the burden of refugee flows across several countries, in reality it could significantly worsen the current situation if the designated countries are unable or unwilling to properly accept and integrate the migrants," she said.

Over the weekend, Trump also claimed another new element of the deal, tweeting that Mexico had "AGREED TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN BUYING LARGE QUANTITIES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT FROM OUR GREAT PATRIOT FARMERS!" The administration has yet

to reveal the details of any such provision, and Mexican officials say no agreement on farm goods was reached as part of the talks.

Ebrard told reporters the talks had focused on migration, not commerce, and hypothesized that Trump was calculating an economic boost resulting from his decision not to implement the tariffs.

"We do not have a specific agreement on products of that nature," he said.

Trump has spent the days since Friday's announcement defending the scope of the deal.

That includes a commitment by Mexico to deploy its new National Guard to the country's southern border with Guatemala — something the country already intended to do before Trump's latest threat. It also includes an agreement to publicly support the expansion of a program under which some asylum seekers are returned

to Mexico as they wait out their cases. U.S. officials had been working to expand the program, which has led to the return of about 11,000 to Mexico without Mexico's public embrace.

Trump and other administration officials, however, say Mexico made major concessions and have credited his threat to slap a 5% tax on all Mexican goods if the country didn't immediately agree to do more to stem the flow of Central American migrants across the U.S. southern border. Without the threat, Trump has insisted, Mexico never would have acted.

"It was all done because of the tariffs and because of the relationship that we have with Mexico," he told reporters Monday, following a call-in interview with CNBC Monday morning in which he said officials had "talked about it for months and months and months," but couldn't reach agreement until the threat.

Supreme Court rejects challenge to regulation of gun silencers

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court rejected a challenge to federal regulation of gun silencers Monday, just days after a gunman used one in a shooting rampage that killed 12 people in Virginia.

The justices did not comment in turning away appeals from two Kansas men who were convicted of violating federal law regulating silencers. The men argued that the constitutional right "to keep and bear arms" includes silencers.

The court's action in the silencer cases was among dozens of orders in pending appeals, including decisions to add an international child custody dispute and four other cases to next term's docket. The justices also will hear cases dealing with a death row inmate in Arizona, racial

discrimination claims against Comcast by an African American owned media company, environmental cleanup at a Superfund site in Montana and a dispute between Intel Corp. and a retired Intel engineer.

The court also rejected an appeal from a Yemeni man who has been held at the Guantanamo Bay naval base for more than 17 years. But Justice Stephen Breyer said "it is past time" for the court to decide whether indefinite detention at the U.S. Navy base in Cuba is legal.

In the silencer cases, Kansas and seven other states joined in a court filing urging justices to hear the appeals. The states said the court should affirm that the Second Amendment protects "silencers and other firearms accessories." The other states are Arkansas, Idaho, Louisiana,

Montana, South Carolina, Texas and Utah.

President Donald Trump's administration asked the court to stay out of the case and leave the convictions in place.

Shane Cox, owner of a military surplus store, was convicted of making and transferring an unregistered silencer, and customer Jeremy Kettler was convicted of possessing one, all in violation of the 85-year-old National Firearms Act. Both men were sentenced to probation.

Meanwhile, police are trying to determine a motive for the deadly shootings in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Authorities have said that city employee DeWayne Craddock opened fire in a municipal building on May 31. Police say Craddock was armed with two semiautomatic handguns, a silencer and extended ammunition magazines.

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
77 58	73 54	64 53	61 52	62 52	64 51	64 50
Mostly sunny and warm	Clouds breaking; warm	Cooler	Partly sunny	Decreasing clouds	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny



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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	70/44
Normal high/low	63/49
Record high	87 in 1924
Record low	38 in 1933

Precipitation

Sunday	0.00"
Month to date	0.42"
Normal month to date	0.92"
Year to date	22.43"
Normal year to date	34.28"

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UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: Jupiter at opposition (08:17 a.m.)

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:24 a.m.
Sunset tonight	9:07 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:51 p.m.
Moonsset today	2:35 a.m.

Full Last New First
June 17 June 25 July 2 July 9

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
8:43 a.m.	6.4	3:02 a.m.	1.8	
9:35 p.m.	7.9	3:10 p.m.	0.6	

Cape Disappointment

8:20 a.m.	5.9	2:25 a.m.	2.0	
9:16 p.m.	7.6	2:19 p.m.	0.6	

Hammond

9:20 a.m.	6.7	2:38 a.m.	2.1	
9:26 p.m.	8.2	2:40 p.m.	0.7	

Warrenton

8:38 a.m.	6.8	2:46 a.m.	1.9	
9:30 p.m.	8.3	2:54 p.m.	0.8	

Knappa

9:20 a.m.	6.7	4:03 a.m.	1.6	
10:12 p.m.	8.2	4:11 p.m.	0.6	

Depoe Bay

7:34 a.m.	6.0	1:54 a.m.	1.9	
8:30 p.m.	7.8	1:47 p.m.	0.5	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	80/64/pc	74/64/t
Boston	75/60/r	74/57/s
Chicago	78/59/s	70/49/t
Dallas	83/65/pc	87/63/pc
Denver	73/50/pc	72/52/s
Honolulu	88/75/s	88/74/s
Houston	88/65/pc	93/70/pc
Los Angeles	89/67/pc	85/63/pc
Miami	91/77/t	90/79/t
New York City	76/58/pc	74/60/s
Phoenix	109/82/s	112/85/s
San Francisco	84/57/s	76/55/pc
Wash., DC	80/62/pc	78/65/pc

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City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	81/62		Wenatchee	88/65	
Tacoma	82/55		Moses Lake		
Olympia	85/58		Yakima	91/60	
Longview	90/61		Kennewick	93/60	
Portland	95/67		Walla Walla	87/63	
Salem	95/64		Lewiston	88/59	
Albany	94/63		Enterprise	80/51	
Corvallis	94/64		Hermiston	94/60	
Eugene	93/63		Pendleton	87/58	
Bend	89/56		La Grande	84/53	
Medford	104/66		John Day	86/57	
Klamath Falls	92/53		Burns	86/52	
Ontario	91/58		Caldwell	87/56	
Baker City	85/49/s	88/55/pc	North Bend	76/57/s	67/54/pc
Brookings	74/57/s	67/55/pc	Roseburg	103/67/s	100/61/pc
Ilwaco	73/60/s	71/55/pc	Seaside	78/61/s	76/54/pc
Newberg	94/64/s	94/58/pc	Springfield	95/64/s	95/57/pc
Newport	72/54/s	66/52/pc	Vancouver	94/66/s	94/60/pc