

BBC ignores role of “international community” helping create forced migrancy and refugee flight

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(REUTERS) Central American migrants inside enclosure in El Paso after crossing border between Mexico and the United States and turning themselves in to request asylum

Read here a March 28, 2019, BBC news update: “Mexico border official says migrant crisis 'at breaking point' (<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-47736603>). “News of the dire situation at the border comes as “the mother of all caravans” is reportedly forming in Honduras. . . . Mexico's Interior Minister reported that an estimated 900,000 migrants will make their way through Mexico towards the US border by the end of 2019.”

‘It is the economy, stupid!’

The BBC writes: “The challenge for the US government is that there is no clear way to end the refugee tide without changing US law, which allows migrants to claim asylum from anywhere on US soil.”

This is misleading. This “refugee tide” will end when the underlying causes – systemic exploitation and poverty, violence, corruption and repression – end.

The “international community” directly causes and benefits from these “underlying causes”. Together, the U.S., Canada, Spain and the European Community, the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank, and numerous global companies and investors profit from “free trade” economic policies in partnership with corrupt, repressive governments in Honduras and Guatemala, that force thousands and thousands to flee home and country, year after year. There is no end in sight.

As global mining companies, hydro-electric dam builders, tourism operators, producers of bananas, pineapples, sugar cane, African palm, and “sweatshop” producers of designer clothes, all use varying degrees of violence, corruption and exploitation in Guatemala and Honduras, in benefit of foreign companies, shareholders and investors, consumers and travelers, the “international community” and much of the mainstream media pretend not to understand why tens of hundreds of thousands are forced to flee, year after year.

Until the assorted countries and actors of the “international community” are held to account for their refugee-producing economic and political interests in partnership with corrupt, repressive, exploitative elites in countries like Honduras and Guatemala, this grotesque and violent human spectacle will continue.

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